NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 25th June, 1950 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
W. C. Wurth,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Vaucluse Park Trust and the Meeting of the Nielsen Park Trust held on 17th April, 1950, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, dated 26/5/50 forwarding copy of notice published in Government Gazette of 5/5/1950 cancelling former Proclamations in regard to the areas known as Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Park and proclaiming the total area as a public park to be known as Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, dated 5/5/50 intimating it has been approved that, provided inventories of the furniture and exhibits in Vaucluse House are prepared, no objection will be raised to the deferring until a later date of the valuation of same was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Valuer General dated 4/5/50 intimating that the matter of values for Vaucluse House is with his District Valuer for report as early as practicable was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Mr. C. F. Bendeich, Public School, Brunkerville, via East Maitland dated 6/6/50 asking for a wistaria plant from Vaucluse Park for the school garden was read and on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that a plant be forwarded to Mr. Bendeich together with any literature, etc. available regarding W. C. Wentworth and/or Vaucluse House.

(v) Letter from Mr. J. Waring, Ranger, Nielsen Park, dated 3/5/50 tendering his resignation as from 22/5/50 was read and the resignation accepted.

The President reported that Mr. Francis Joseph Irvine had been appointed successor to Mr. Waring as from 12/6/50 at a wage of £8/9/6 a week. Theappointment was confirmed.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Police Department, dated 2/5/50 regarding the behaviour of certain persons in Nielsen Park on 20/2/50 and letter to Police Department in reply were read and noted.

(vii) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board dated 22/5/50 regarding the charges which will be payable by the Trust for the twelve months commended 1/7/49 in connection with the Nielsen Park Sewerage System was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Water, Sewerage & Drainage Board dated 5/6/50 asking for payment of the sum of two hundred and thirty one pounds twelve shillings and eightpence

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owing to the Board in respect of the maintenance of Low Level Sewerage Pumping Station No. 49 for the twelve months ended 30/6/49 was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the matter be referred back to the Board asking whether in view of the present financial position of the Trust the account could be reduced.

(ix) Letter from Chairman, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service, dated 30/5/50 asking that the Trusts Annual subscription (£3/3/-) to the Ambulance be increased this year to assist them in their special appeal for funds to install two-way wireless telephone communication between the station and their fleet of ambulances was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that this year's subscription be increased to ten guineas (£10/10/-)

(x) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board, dated 13/6/50 reporting result of Diver's inspection of the Nielsen - Vaucluse Park Bathing enclosure was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Board be asked to quote a price for putting in the three new piles.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) An offer by the widow of the late J.P.B. Banks to present to the Trustees of Vaucluse House the Log-book kept by the late Captain James Banks on the voyage of the ship "La Hogue" from London to Sydney in 1856 and from Sydney to London in 1857 and of the ship "Duncan Dunbar" between London and Sydney during 1857-61 was considered and on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(ii) Schedules (2) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in May, 1950, amounting to £9/1/6 (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Park Section and £10/5/3 (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Park Section were approved.

(iii) A request by the Admiral's Secretary for permission for the surveyors of the Department of the Interior to draw up the site plan of the proposed site for the Recording Station of Degaussing Range was considered and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the request be approved.

(iv) The President informed the meeting that he now had proofs of the account of Vaucluse House written by Miss Maurot of the Public Library and that he would forward a copy to each Trustee for perusal and comment.

FINANCE: (i) Statements (2) showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 19/6/50 were read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since the April meetings to the value of £713/10/- in the case of Nielsen Park Section and £621/10/4 in the case of Vaucluse Park Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's Report was read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The Meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

This is page two of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Nielsen Vaucluse Park Trust, held at Vaucluse House, on Sunday 25th June, 1950.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 27th August, 1950, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. C. Wurth,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June, 1950, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Master Dennis Corr of Newcastle, dated 13/7/50, expressing thanks on behalf of a party of children from Cook's Hill School, for the information given them on their visit to Vaucluse House in May last was read and received.

(ii) Letter from Mr. C. F. Bendeich, Public School, Brunkerville, dated 24/7/50, expressing thanks for the wistaria plant forwarded to him on 18/7/50 was read and received.

(iii)Letter from the Revd. H. W. Baker, The King's School, Parramatta, dated 7/8/50 regarding an inventory of the exhibits in Vaucluse House which was lent to him by Mr. Trustee Nicholls some time ago was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Miss L. McIntosh, Principal, Loch-Maree School, 1 Coolong Road, Vaucluse, dated 23/6/50, asking whether the Trust would consider making a recreation area and constructing tennis courts and basket ball courts, etc. in that portion of Vaucluse Park adjoining Loch-Maree School was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Miss McIntosh be informed it is regretted that the Trustees have no power to grant her request.

(v) Communication from Department of Lands, undated, (received 4/8/50) intimating that the sum of three hundred and twelve pounds (£312) towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was lodged with the Commonwealth Savings Bank on 31/7/50 was read and noted.

(vi) Personal letter dated 31/7/50 addressed to Mr. Trustee Wurth by Mr. J. Goodsell, Vice-President, Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board, regarding the sum of two hundred and thirty-one pounds twelve shillings and eightpence (£231/12/8) which was owing to the Board as maintenance charges Low-Level Pumping Station Nielsen Park for the twelve months to 30/6/50 was read.

The President informed the meeting that the account had now been paid and on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the letter was received.

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SECRETARY Chas. F. Nathan

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PONDENCE:(CONT.)

(vii) Correspondence with the Maritime Services Board of N.S.W. regarding the replacement of three piles in the Nielsen Park Bathing enclosure was read and on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert it was resolved that the offer of the Board to carry out the work at a cost of £130 more or less be accepted.

It was also resolved that the Board be requested to put the two buffers at the front of the wharf in proper order. The Trust to pay the cost of this additional work.

(viii) Letter from Mr. L. O. A. McCole dated 25/8/50 asking for a renewal of his leases of the kiosks at Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Park was read and on the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the Leases be renewed for a period of five years as from 2nd June, 1950, at existing rentals.

(ix) Letter from Secretary, Department of Public Works dated 24/8/50 furnishing an estimate of the cost of replacing the filling beneath the sea wall, renewing the timber sheet piling, removing the ramp and replacing it with a sea wall and repairing the minor items damaged was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the Engineers of Works Department be conferred with as soon as possible to see what could be done to make the wall, etc. safe for the ensuing swimming season and that the question of completing the whole work be deferred for the present pending determination of the actual work to be undertaken and representations being made to the Government in connection therewith.

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

(i) Schedules (2) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage Increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in August, 1950, amounting to six pounds four shillings and sixpence (£6/4/6) (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Park Section and ten pounds eight shillings and eightpence (£10/8/8) (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Park Section were approved.

(ii) The President reported that on 21/7/50 the electrical installation at Vaucluse House failed. Temporary repairs were immediately effected and arrangements made for Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd. to inspect the whole of the electrical installation and submit their report - 28/7/50 - wherein they advise in their opinion the only satisfactory way of dealing with the installation would be to completely re-wire it in accordance with present day regulations. The cost would be approximately two hundred and twenty-five pounds (£225).

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the action taken by the President be approved.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, the Secretary was instructed to convey to the Head Gardener (Mr. Reynolds) and his assistants the Trustees' congratulations on the present satisfactory state of the gardens, lawns, etc. at Vaucluse Park.

(iv) The Secretary was instructed to have the con-

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SECRETARY Chas. H. Wurth

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volvus removed from several of the trees growing in Vaucluse Park.

(v) The Secretary was instructed to purchase six well grown Wistaria plants to be planted near the verandah at Vaucluse House.

(vi) The purchase of 1000 turf for Nielsen Park was approved.

(vii) The President produced proofs of the booklet on Vaucluse House which had been prepared by an officer of the Mitchell Library some time ago.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, it was resolved that Compress Printing Limited be requested to print 10,000 copies of the Booklet at a cost of £220 (approx.) 5000 copies to have tangerine covers and 5000 blue covers. It was also resolved that the Booklets when received be sold at 2/- a copy.

FINANCE:

(i) Statements (2) showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 24/8/50 were read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since the June meeting to the value of £1098. 2. 9 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and £617/14/10 in the case of Vaucluse Park Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY.

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CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY. Chas. F. Nathan

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 15th October, 1950 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
W. C. Wurth,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th August, 1950, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected for the year ending October, 1951:-

President.....	Mr. S. H. Wilson
Vice-President....	Mr. G. G. Nicholls,
Secretary.....	Mr. C. F. Nathan
Treasurer.....	Mr. H. J. Halbert
Publicity Officer.	Mr. S. S. Wilson
Nielsen Park Sub-Committee.....	The President Ex Officio Messrs. Halbert, McGrath & Miller.
Vaucluse House and Park Sub-Committee..	The President Ex Officio Messrs. Nicholls, Kelly, Wurth and Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Organising Secretary, Eventide Homes Appeal dated 22/8/50 asking for a donation to the fund was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Organising Secretary be informed that there are no funds available from which the Trustees could make a donation.

(ii) Letter from Under Secretary for Lands dated 29/8/50 regarding the approaching visit of Lord Merthyr to Australia and a copy of the reply sent to that letter were read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. C. F. Bendeich, Public School, Brunkerville, dated 15/9/50 expressing thanks for the Booklet on Vaucluse House recently sent to him was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. S. de Vere, Lady Corps Superintendent, Sydney No. 4 Corps. The St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, dated 13/9/50 asking for permission to collect money at Nielsen Park to help the funds was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath it was resolved that Mrs. de Vere be informed that permission cannot be given to collect money in the Park but that the Trustees will be glad to donate £10.10. - to the funds.

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(v) Letter from Manager, Sydney Ferries Limited, dated 22/9/50 setting out the timetable of the ferry service between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park which will be observed during the present season was read and noted.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Department of Public Works, dated 25/9/50 requesting an advance of £300 in order that funds may be available to meet debits as they arise in connection with the investigation, etc., of the storm damage to the retaining wall at Nielsen Park was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the matter be deferred pending representations to be made to the Minister for Lands in an endeavour to obtain a special grant from the Government.

(vii) Letter from Department of the Interior dated 15/9/50 notifying that the Department of the Navy will take possession either immediately or as soon as it may desire of that part of the area known as Steel Point Battery Reserve required for its proposals; that the Navy desires road access over the constructed road which runs through the Trusts property; and seeking the Trustees advice whether they will grant the Commonwealth the necessary permission for the Department of the Navy to make use of such road - preferably by formal grant of easement and if so under what terms and conditions was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Miller to draft a reply on the lines suggested by the President at the meeting.

(viii) Letter from Superintendent and Secretary, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance dated 4/10/50 asking under whose jurisdiction the Trust placed the care of the First Aid Room at Nielsen Park was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Superintendent be informed that with the permission of the Trustees a room at Nielsen Park has been used by members of St. John Ambulance Brigade for first aid purposes since 1913; that the ladies have carried out excellent voluntary work during the intervening period; that the Trustees are not aware of any friction which may have arisen between the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the N.S.W. District Ambulance and that if so desired the President of the Trust would be prepared to meet a representative from both parties to discuss matters.

(ix) Letter from Mr. F. C. Roche, Vaucluse, dated 2/10/50 asking for permission to use part of either end of the beach outside the nets at Nielsen Park for the purpose of hiring out canoes was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the application be refused.

(x) Letter from Mr. Kurt Norden, Potts Point, dated 8/10/50 offering his services to the Trust as an expert restorer of oil paintings was read and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the letter be noted and that Mr. Missingham of the National Art Gallery be asked what he knows of Mr. Norden.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The Secretary reported that on 6/10/50 he received a request (by telephone) from the Maritime Services Board that the balance (£383/12/11) due to the Board for repairing the wharf and jetty at Nielsen Park in 1948 be paid.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the amount be paid.

(ii) The Secretary produced a plan received from the Government Architect of the gas, water and sewerage pipes, etc. in Vaucluse Park and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that Mr. Cobden Parkes be thanked for the plan.

(iii) A letter dated 12/10/50 was received from Messrs. Hall & Edgington, Solicitors, forwarding Leases prepared by them in connection with the Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Park Kiosk.

After perusal the leases (in duplicate) were signed by the Trustees.

(iv) Mr. Trustee Halbert strongly recommended that an Allen Motor Scythe be purchased for use at Nielsen Park and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain the cost of an "Allen" or some other suitable type of machine.

It was also resolved that the question of the purchase of a lawn mower suitable to the Trusts requirements at Nielsen Park be left in the hands of the President and Trustee Halbert.

(v) Mrs. J. P. B. Banks, having left at the Office of the Trust an old revolver (in holster) which belonged to the late Captain James Banks and a piece of 6" shell fired by H.M.A.S. "Sydney" and picked up on the German cruiser "Emden" at Keeling Island, January 12th, 1915, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kelly to accept the articles but only to exhibit the revolver in Vaucluse House.

FINANCE: (i) The Auditor General's Report (with Balance Sheet) for the year ended 30th June, 1950, was read and received.

(ii) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at 12/10/50 was read and noted.

(iii) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £422 in the case of the Vaucluse Section and to the value of £859/8/2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT; The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CONFIRMED: Leo E Morris

CHAIRMAN.

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SECRETARY. Chas. F. Hathaway

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Monday the 18th December, 1950 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair)
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. H. J. Halbert.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous (Annual) Meeting held on 15th October, 1950, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Communication from Department of Lands (undated) intimating that one hundred and four pounds (£104) towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was paid into the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Rose Bay, on 20/10/50 was read and noted.

(ii) Communication from Department of Lands (undated) intimating that one hundred and four pounds (@104) towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was paid into the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Rose Bay, on 10/11/50 was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Minister for Lands, dated 13/11/50 intimating that in view of the ominous international situation, Lord Merthyr has cancelled his proposed visit to Australia, was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. de Vere, Lady Corps Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas (undated) thanking the Trustees for their donation of ten pounds ten shillings (@10/10/-) to the funds of the Brigade to be used in connection with the casualty room at Nielsen Park, was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Manager, Sydney Ferries Limited, dated 9/11/50 intimating that the ferry service between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park on Saturdays would be discontinued after Saturday 11/11/50, was read and noted.

(vi) Letter from Mr. W. J. MacPherson, West Ryde, dated 18/11/50 reporting the behaviour of a man towards certain children who were in the tunnels on Steel Point Battery Reserve on 18/11/50 and the Secretary's reply to that letter, were read and noted.

(vii) Letter from Mr. J. B. Conlon of Hanwood via Griffith, dated 27/1/50 offering to present for exhibition in Vaucluse House a model of a four horse coach which ran between Griffith and Willbriggie from 1913 to 1920 and was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Minogue in the early days of Griffith was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that Mr. Conlon be thanked for his offer and informed that to enable the Trustees to consider whether they could accept the gift they would be glad if he would advise how old the coach which was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Minogue is and any other information possessed by him regarding it.

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(viii) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, dated 6/12/50 intimating that a refund of seventeen pounds eleven shillings and elevenpence (£17/11/11) would be made to the Trust in respect of electricity charges in connection with the Pumping Station at Nielsen Park for the period 1st July, 1949 to 15th May, 1950 was read and noted. The Board had previously paid an account for thirteen pounds one shilling and threepence (£13/1/3) in respect of the period 15th May, 1950 to 9th August, 1950.

(ix) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board, dated 8/12/50 intimating that before the buffers on the Nielsen Park Jetty can be replaced it will be necessary to also renew the existing supporting girders which are badly damaged at the ends, and that the estimated cost of carrying out the work is one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting and that in the meantime the Secretary prepare a statement showing what the Trust had spent on repairs to the Wharf so far as available records reveal.

(x) Letter from Under Secretary for Lands dated 15/12/50 intimating that approval has been obtained for his Department to recoup the Department of Public Works in relation to the cost (£650) of temporarily repairing the bathing area at Nielsen Park was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) An offer of Mrs. T. C. Taylor, Vaucluse, to present an old Bell Pull for exhibition in Vaucluse House was considered and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the offer be accepted.

(ii) Mr. Trustee Miller informed the meeting that, in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the annual Meeting held on 15/10/50 he had conferred with Officers of the Department of the Interior regarding the desire of the Navy to have access over the road which runs through the Trusts' property to Steel Point Battery Reserve. Mr. Miller also conferred with the President of The Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies and as a result of his conferences he requested the Trust's Solicitors to prepare a grant of easements for consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Mr. Miller was thanked for the action taken by him.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the large pontoon in the swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park be pumped out every Saturday morning or more frequently if necessary and that the Foreman (Mr. Pemberton) be instructed by the Secretary in writing to this effect.

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CHAIRMAN

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONT.)

(iv) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Foreman (Mr. Pemberton) be instructed by the Secretary in writing that the nets protecting the swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park be thoroughly inspected on Friday each week and that after each inspection a written report be furnished to the Secretary regarding their condition.

(v) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the rents charged for Pavilions at Nielsen Park be increased as follows:-

No. 1 Pavilion	from	£3. -. -	to	£6. -. -
No. 2	"	"	£2.10. -	"	£5. -. -
No. 3	"	"	£1.10. -	"	£3. -. -

It was also resolved that a concession of 25% be granted on the above charges to religious or charitable bodies that a charge of 4/- be made for the use of either of the small rooms in No. 1 Pavilion: and that the charges for hire of the piano (£1/10/- if used in No. 1 Pavilion and £2/-/- if used in No. 2 Pavilion) be not increased at present.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the use of amplifiers in Nielsen Park on Sundays be prohibited and that persons desirous of using amplifiers on other days of the week be informed that if permission is given they must reduce the volume of intensity as much as possible.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 12/12/50 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since October meeting to the value of six hundred and fifty pounds eighteen shillings and sevenpence (£650/18/7) in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of one thousand three hundred and twenty-five pounds and ninepence (£1325/-/9) in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED:- Geo E Davies

CHAIRMAN.

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CHAIRMAN: Geo E Davies

SECRETARY: Chas. F Matthews

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1951 at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls, (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
W. C. Wurth,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Wurth for his non-attendance at the previous meeting.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th December, 1950, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. McGrath.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 4/1/51 asking for early advice as to when the decision as to road access desired by the Navy at Nielsen Park may be expected was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert it was resolved that the Surveyor and Property Officer be informed that he may expect for his consideration a Draft Agreement of License between the Trustees and the Commonwealth within the next two weeks. In the meantime the matter to be left in the hands of Mr. Miller.

(ii) Letter from Messrs. W. F. Hall and Edgington, Solicitors, dated 5/1/51 regarding the matter of giving the Navy access over the road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. J. M. Conlon of Hanwood, via Griffith, dated 5/1/51 submitting certain particulars regarding the coach which he has offered to make a model of for exhibition in Vaucluse House was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller it was resolved that Mr. Conlon be again thanked for his offer and informed that as the coach is not of sufficient age to warrent the Trustees placing a model of it in Vaucluse House they regret they are unable to accept the model.

(iv) Communication from Department of Lands (undated) intimating that one thousand and forty two pounds (£1042) was paid into the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Rose Bay, on 5/1/51 towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Mr. J. P. Koppel, Joint General Manager, Courtaulds (Australia) Limited dated 8/1/51 asking for authority to have certain trees in Vaucluse Park opposite his residence No. 16 Olola Avenue , lopped was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Secretary should meet Mr. Koppel discuss the matter with him and report back to next meeting.

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(vi) Letter from Messrs. Hall and Edgirgton, Solicitors, dated 9/1/51 forwarding duplicate originals of the leases of the Kiosks at Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks granted to Mr. L. O. A. McCole was read and noted.

(vii) Letter from Mr. V. G. Parker, Olola Avenue, Vaucluse, dated 27/12/50 bringing under notice what appears to him to be a growing laxity on the part of Beach Inspectors and members of the Nielsen Park Life Saving Club was read.

After perusing a report received from the Secretary of the Club and in view of the fact that no person bearing the name of Parker could be found by Postal Officials in Olola Avenue, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, that the letter be received and that the Secretary of the Life Saving Club be informed that after due enquiry the Trustees are satisfied that there was not justification for the allegations made by Mr. Parker.

(viii) Letter from Sales Manager, Typewriter Division, Business Equipment Pty., Ltd., dated 12/1/51 suggesting that the Typewriter used in the Trust's Office be re-manufactured at a cost of fifteen pounds fifteen shillings (£15/15/-) was read and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the firm be thanked for its offer and informed that it was not desired to have the machine re-manufactured at present.

(ix) Letter from Secretary, Visiting Naval Personnel, Jubilee Entertainment Committee, dated 16/1/51, asking for free admission to Vaucluse House of personnel from Overseas warships which will visit Sydney for the Jubilee Celebrations during January, 1951, and the Secretary's reply thereto dated 17/1/51 (after consulting the Trustees) were read and the action taken by the Secretary approved.

(x) Letter from Chief Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, dated 15/1/51 concerning borers in the Wistaria Vine at Vaucluse House was read and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the Secretary receive the advice of the Curator of the Botanic Gardens regarding the efficiency of the Parajector Equipment that he arrange for the Gardeners at Vaucluse Park to see a demonstration of the Spray: and that if Mr. Anderson and the Gardeners' reports are satisfactory a Parajector Equipment be purchased at a cost of fifteen pounds (£15/-/-) .

It was also agreed that Mr. Wurth arrange for an expert to inspect the Wistaria Vine and advise the Trust what is best to be done to save it.

(xi) Letter from Mrs. A. E. Rudder, Bondi, dated 18/1/51 offering to present to the Trust a water colour painting of "The Jenny Lind" sailing ship by A. F. Garling was read and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(xii) Letter from Mrs. Naomi Hanna, Cowra, dated 15/1/51 asking that the names of her deceased sister and herself be placed on the large tapestry picture in Vaucluse House which was executed by their late mother and that the fact that it was a gift from them be noted thereon, was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the request be acceded to in this case and that when an article is presented to the Trust in future the name of the person donating it be placed thereon.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

(i) Report of Secretary, dated 17/1/51, regarding the illness of

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the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. J. Pemberton) and in which he asks for a ruling whether any sick leave on full pay is to be granted Mr. Pemberton over and above the five days previously determined by the Trustees was considered and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that in view of his long service with the Trust and the great amount of overtime worked by him without extra pay Mr. Pemberton be granted sick leave on full pay from 7/1/51 to 7/2/51.

It was also agreed that in view of the large amount of overtime worked by some of the employees Mr. Warth arrange for a competant person to make a survey of the position and submit suggestions.

(ii) An offer of Miss L. J. Farley, Randwick, to present two pieces of old china (Ridgways Royal Semi Porcelain-England 2 - Chiswick) for exhibition in Vaucluse House was considered and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Miss Farley be thanked and informed that the Trustees are unable to accept the China.

(iii) Schedules (4) submitted by the Secretary showing award and/or basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in November, 1950 and from the first full pay period in December, 1950, amounting to a total of £90/14/- (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Section and £60/10/7 (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Section were approved.

(iv) Notice under Public Health, 1902, 1944 dated 19/1/51 requiring that rubbish in the vicinity of the tip at Nielsen Park be thoroughly cleaned up within twenty-one (21) days was considered and on the motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that a bull-dozer be hired from Woollahra Municipal Council at three pounds ten shillings (£3/10/-) per hour to carry out the necessary work.

(v) A verbal request by the Dairy Farmers Milk Co. Employees for permission to run a lead from a power point in the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park for the purpose of cooking sausages at their picnic was refused.

(vi) The Secretary having reported that Mrs. M. Dunbar, cleaner, Vaucluse House, had been absent ill for several weeks and would probably be unable to resume work for some time it was resolved that a letter be written to Mrs. Dunbar conveying the Trustees sympathy, expressing appreciation for the manner in which she has carried out her work and expressing the hope that she will soon recover and be able to resume duty in due course.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 25/1/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of four hundred pounds thirteen shillings and tenpence (£400/13/10) in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £786/-/6 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's Reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN. 6/3/51

SECRETARY Thos. F. Nathan

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Tuesday the 6th March, 1951 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth, (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th January, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Deputy Commissioner, Federal Taxation Office, dated 2/2/51 regarding a request made by the Trust for a refund of eight pounds four shillings and elevenpence (£8/4/11) being 7½% Wool Contributory Charge deducted by "Grazcos" from the gross proceeds of the sale of wool obtained from sheep owned by the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the letter be received.

(ii) Letter from Deputy Commissioner of Taxation dated 15/2/51 intimating that twenty-one pounds (£21/-/-) deducted as Income Tax from the gross proceeds of the sale of wool obtained from the Trusts sheep will be refunded was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Deputy Town Clerk Municipality of Woollahra dated 14/2/51 inquiring whether the Trust would consider providing parking space within Nielsen Park to help overcome the parking problem in Greycliffe Avenue and Coolong Road on Sundays and Public Holidays was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the Council be informed that the Trustees regret there is no suitable space in Nielsen Park which could be used for the parking of vehicles and that although they are frequently in Coolong Road and Greycliff Avenue on Sundays and Public Holidays the Trustees have never seen any cars parked in private entrances and drives in those roads.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. E. M. McGovern, Dubbo North, dated 16/2/51 furnishing certain information regarding a bugle and whip handle which she would like to present to the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the bugle and whip handle be accepted and that Mrs. McGovern be thanked for donating them.

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(v) Letter from Messrs. F. W. Hall & Edgington, Solicitors, dated 15/2/51 forwarding for consideration draft agreement giving the Commonwealth access over the road in Nielsen Park leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that, as Mr. Trustee Miller was of opinion that the Draft Agreement met with the requirements of the Trust it be approved and that action be now taken to complete the matter.

(vi) Letter from Mrs. M. Dunbar, Rose Bay, dated 8/2/51 thanking the Trustees for their sympathy in her recent illness and expressing her willingness to resume work as cleaner if so desired, was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that when Mrs. Dunbar was able to resume work she be re-employed by the Trust.

(vii) Letter from Mrs. W. Osborne, Caringbar, dated 20/2/51 offering to present to the Trust enlarged photographs of the late Governor Duff, the late King Edward IV and the late Baden Powel was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that Mrs. Osborne be thanked for her offer and informed that there is already a large photograph of Governor Duff in Vaucluse House. With regard to the other two pictures it is thought that they would not fit in with the other exhibits even if space for them could be found.

(viii) Copy of letter dated 19/2/51 (drafted by Mr. Trustee E. S. Miller) addressed to the Woollahra Municipal Council asking for its co-operation in an endeavour to prevent persons from depositing rubbish in Nielsen Park and the Council's reply thereto were read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the Council be thanked for their co-operation and informed that the only occasions on which refuse is deposited by the Trust's employees are when papers, leaves and grass picked up in the Park are too wet to burn. They are then carted to the site entered from Vaucluse Road and burnt when dry.

(ix) Letter from Director, Family Welfare Bureau, asking for donations towards the Bureaus 1951 appeal was read and on the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Director be informed the Trustees regret they have no funds available from which donations could be made.

(x) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board, dated 21/2/51 regarding the placing of a meter near the Kiosk at Vaucluse Park so that accounts for all water used by the Proprietor of the Kiosk could be rendered to and paid for by him was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the matter stand over pending the receipt of certain information which Mr. Trustee Wurth undertook to obtain.

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(xi) Letter from Mr. A. R. Clarke, one of the Trusts employees dated 5/3/51 asking to be paid Basic Wage accruals on overtime worked by him from the first pay period in November, 1950 to 31st January, 1951 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the accruals claimed(£7/8/9) be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) The Secretary reported that Mr. J. Pemberton, Foreman, had produced medical certificates to the effect that he would be unfit for work from 7/1/51 to 1/3/51. In accordance with the Resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Trust Mr. Pemberton had been paid full salary for the period 7/1/51 t 7/2/51 and unless authorised the Secretary was unable to make any further payment.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that in view of his long service with the Trust and the fact that he had worked a considerable amount of overtime he be granted sick leave on full pay during the whole of his absence, i.e. from 7/1/51 to 1/3/51.

(ii) The Secretary reported that Mr. J. Stewart, painter, had furnished medical certificates to the effect that he would be unable to work from 12/2/51 to 4/3/51. He had been paid for five days sick leave (1951) and is entitled to another four days not taken in 1950.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that in view of his long service with the Trust Mr. Stewart be granted sick leave on full pay during the whole of his absence, i.e. from 12/2/51 to 4/3/51.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that in future persons wishing to book one or more of the pavilions at Nielsen Park be charged a cleaning fee of five pounds (£5/-/-) in cases where up to 500 persons attend the picnic and ten pounds (£10/-/-) where the number of persons exceed 500. It was also resolved that the matter of determining the cases in which the charge should be made be left in the hands of the Secretary, but such charge would not apply in any case to charitable or religious organisations.

(iv) Further consideration was given to the request of Mr. J. P. Koppel, 16 Olola Avenue, Vaucluse, for permission to have certain trees in Vaucluse Park lopped.

In view of the report furnished by the Secretary (6/3/51) it was resolved that Mr. Koppel be given permission to have one tree lopped - provided the work was performed by a competent person and carried out in the presence of one of the Trusts employees.

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(v) The dangerous condition of some of the trees and general state of the area at the head of Vaucluse Bay was discussed and it was resolved that it be left to Messrs. Wurth and Kelly to discuss with the Head Gardener the question of cleaning up the area.

It was decided to allow the matter of replacing the gates at the entrance to the above area to remain over until the return of the President (Mr. Wilson).

(vi) It was resolved that the offer of the Government Stores Department to replace all worn parts in the office typewriter at a cost of four pounds (£4/-/-) be accepted.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of three hundred and ninety one pounds fifteen shillings and sevenpence (£391/15/7) in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £654/3/1 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN Leo E. Nicholls

SECRETARY Edwin F. Nathan

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SECRETARY Edwin F. Nathan

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Special Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1951 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Nicholls.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, dated 14/3/51, intimating that a request has been received from the Woollahra Municipal Council, through Mr. V. H. Treatt, M.L.A. for the Minister to receive a Deputation with a view to discussing the desire of such Council to have the control of Nielsen Park vested in that authority, was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that a letter drafted by Mr. Wurth with certain additions suggested by Mr. Miller, be addressed to the Under Secretary for Lands.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The Gardener submitted a list of annuals he proposed to plant in the gardens for the forthcoming Spring display and the list was approved.

(ii) The matter of cleaning up the section of Vaucluse Park at the head of Vaucluse Bay was discussed and it was decided that all available men from Nielsen Park should carry out the work of putting the area in reasonable condition. The Head Gardener (Mr. Reynolds) who was present at the meeting undertook that when this was done he and his two assistants would endeavour to keep the area in better order.

(iii) The Foreman (Mr. J. Pemberton) was called to the meeting and informed that it was necessary to cut out all overtime at Nielsen Park. He was instructed to submit suggestions as to how this could best be done. He was also told that a better check should be kept on the commencing and finishing times of the staff and that he as Foreman should fix the daily duties of each man and see that these duties were properly carried out.

Mr. Pemberton was also informed that the Nielsen Park Staff was to finish the work of cleaning up the Beach Paddock with the least possible delay.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1951, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair.).
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. C. Wurth,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. W. P. McGrath.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6/3/51 and the Special Meeting held on 27/3/51 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Minister for Lands, dated 1/5/51, regarding the desire of Woollahra Municipal Council to take over the control of Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the ltter be received.

(ii) Letter from Mr. J. P. Koppel, dated 2/4/51 thanking the Trustees for authorising him to have one of the trees in Vaucluse Park lopped was read and received.

(iii) Letter from Chairman, Board of Honorary Directors, War Veterans' Home dated 4/4/51 asking for a contribution towards the upkeep and development of the Homes was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolvdd that the Chairman be informed that the Trustees regret no funds are available from which a donation could be made.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. M. C. de Vere, Lady Corps Superintendent , Sydney No. 4 Corps, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, dated 23/4/51 asking that the roof of the Ambulance Room at Nielsen Park be repaired, that the inside of the room be freshened with a little paint, and suggesting that the position of certain notice boards directing persons to the mens lavatory be changed was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the requests be complied with.

(v) Letter from A. C. Saxton & Sons, Pty., Ltd., dated 2/4/51 intimating that they are discontinuing the Timber and Joining Section of their business after almost 60 years trading was read and noted.

(vi) Letter from Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 1/5/51 suggesting certain alterations to the Draft Agreement giving the Commonwealth access over the road in Nielsen Park leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Mr. Trustee Miller be asked for his views on the suggestions and informed that the Trustees present at this meeting (23/5/51) doubted whether it would be wise to agree to the alterations.

(vii) Letter from The Royal Australian Historical Society, dated 3/5/51 asking for the loan of certain exhibits in Vaucluse House for an exhibition to be held on 29/6/51 in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Australia was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that no articles which are on loan to the Trust should be lent to the Society; that the Secretary contact Mr. H. R. Thompson and suggest to him that he arrange for someone to visit Vaucluse House to point out what articles would be most suitable for the exhibition; and that if the Secretary was in doubt whether it was inadvisable to lend any particular article he obtain the views of the Vice-President.

(viii) Letter from Mrs. Ida Bowden, Manly, dated 7/5/51, enquiring whether the Trust would care to purchase a souvenir gold watch which was presented to the late George Rignold, eminent actor, on his retirement from the stage was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Mrs. Bowden be thanked for her offer and informed that the Trustees were of opinion that the watch would not be a suitable article to exhibit in Vaucluse House.

(ix) Letter from Mr. Albert Jewell, Vaucluse, dated 30/4/51, suggesting that facilities be granted the Vaucluse Orchid Society to hold their first exhibition within Vaucluse Park about the first week in September, 1951, was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that permission be given the Society to hold its exhibition on that portion of the verandah at Vaucluse House pointed out to Mr. Jewell by the Secretary on the understanding that all expenses incurred be defrayed by the Society; that a charge of 1/- be made for admission to the exhibition and that the Trust receive the proceeds.

(x) Letter from Secretary & Superintendent Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service, asking for a donation was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the sum of five pounds five shillings (£5/5/-) be donated as the Trustees appreciate the good work carried on by the Ambulance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Consideration was given to Draft By-laws for the Management of Nielsen Park, which Mr. Trustee Wurth had had prepared.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Draft be approved subject to certain amendments agreed upon.

(ii) Consideration was given to a Roster prepared by the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. J. Pemberton) of suggested duties and working hours of the Trust's employees at Nielsen Park to eliminate the working of overtime.

On the motion ofMr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the matter be deferred to next meeting to give the Trustees the opportunity of further considering the matter.

(iii) Schedules (4) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage Increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in February, 1951, and from the first full pay period in May, 1951, amounting to a total of £57/15/- (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Section and £42/19/8 (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Section were approved.

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(iv) When the Draft By-laws were being discussed it was resolved that, in view of the terms of By-law No. 1, a meeting of the Trust be held every month.

(v) It was resolved that commencing in July, 1951, meetings be held on the second Sunday in each month and that the matter be reviewed from time to time.

(vi) The question of placing a single or double gate at the entrance to that section of Vaucluse Park at the head of Vaucluse Bay was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to enquire whether the Government Stores Department could help the Trust to secure a suitable gate.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 18/5/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £744/1/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £1168/9/3 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY - Chas. F. Hathaway

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th July, 1951 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. W. C. Wurth.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd May, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (I) Letter from Hon. Secretary, Nielsen Park Life Saving Club, dated 28/5/51, regarding an account rendered by the Sydney County Council for electricity consumed during the period February, 9th to May 15th, 1951 was read.
On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the whole of the account (£2/7/-) be paid by the Trust.

(ii) Letter from Deputy Commissioner of Taxation dated 25/5/51 forwarding cheque for twenty-one pounds being refund of amount deducted from proceeds of sale of wool from the Trust's sheep was read and noted.

(iii) Memo from Sub-Treasury (on behalf of Taxation Department) dated 30/5/51 forwarding cheque for £8/4/11 being amount deducted as Contributory Charge from proceeds of sale of wool from the Trusts sheep was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from the Hon. Hugh Latimer, M.L.C. Mayor of Woollahra, dated 19/6/51 regarding the proposal to compile and publish firstly a history of the Municipality of Woollahra and secondly a photogravure booklet for publicity purposes was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that (i) the Secretary prepare a brief History of the Trust and furnish a copy to each Trustee for his consideration and (ii) that it be suggested to the Chairman of the Committee that he arrange for Mr. W. F. Latimer to callat Vaucluse House and point out to the Trust's Secretary any items that may be of interest to the Committee.

(v) Letter from Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 21/6/51, concerning the Draft Agreement with respect to access for the Commonwealth over the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbeft, it was resolved that the Surveyor and Property Officer be asked to state the nature of the vhicles which are expected to use the road and the approximate weight of the loads they will carry. Also what contribution the Navy is prepared to make towards the upkeep of the road.

(vi) Letter from the Manager, Government Stores Department, dated 25/6/51, intimating that an offer has been received from the Auburn Gate & Fence Co. to supply one pair of Tubular Gates (with drop bolt and all fittings) for erection at the entrance to the Beach paddock, Vaucluse Bay, at a cost of

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£7/19/-, less 7½% 14 days, was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the offer be accepted.

(vii) Letter from Mr. Wallace H. Green, Katoomba, dated 15/6/51, intimating that in consequence of a considerable increase in the price of paper and wages the cost to the Trust of future supplies of the "Pictorial Souvenir of Vaucluse House" will be 12/6 a dozen instead of 11/- a dozen was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from Dr. L. G. Tait, dated 6/7/51 asking from whom permission should be sought to place a street light at the gate of Tressillian Home and making certain suggestions was read. On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Sydney County Council be asked to place a light on one of the poles which is being erected close to the Steel Point Battery Reserve; that Dr. Tait be informed that the Trust has no objection to the placing of a street light at the gate of the Home and advised what action the Trust is taking in the matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Report of Secretary, dated 21/6/51, that he had found in Vaucluse House what he believes to be the "Johnston Collection" was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the exhibits found by the Secretary be placed in view in Vaucluse House.

(ii) Further consideration was given to the Roster prepared by the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. Pemberton) showing suggested duties and working hours of the Trusts employees at Nielsen Park .
On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the matter be deferred until next meeting.

(iii) The Trustees present inspected the kerbing of the driveway between Olola Avenue and Vaucluse House and agreed that when the electric light pole near the Court Yard gates had to be renewed it be placed in a position nearer the gates and that the driveway be widened by removing a portion of the small garden which borders the driveway.

(iv) The Secretary reported that due to an escape of oil from the Vacuum Oil Company's Works at Pulpit Point Parramatta River recently all beaches in Port Jackson including Shark Beach were covered with crude oil. He had taken the matter up with officials of the Company and they undertook to clean all walls, paths, etc. but claimed that as debris on the beach would have had to be removed by the Trusts employees in any case the work of cleaning the beach should also be carried out by the Trusts employees now. The Company would supply a liquid which would easily remove any oil which became attached to the workers hands, clothing or other articles used by them.
After discussion it was resolved that the Trusts employees should clean the Beach; that a record be kept of the time they worked; and that the Company be asked to pay the mens wages and any other expenses to which the Trust may be put in cleaning the beach.

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SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN [illegible]

(v) In view of the fact that the Government is now taking over the control of the Sydney Ferries, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Minister for Transport (Mr. Sheahan) enquiring what ferry service it was proposed to run between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park in the future.

FINANCE:- (i) Statements showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £580/12/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £922/17/4 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received. The recommendation of the Head Gardener that two large trees commonly called maples which are badly infected with Mistletoe be lopped was approved.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 12 noon.

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CONFIRMED:-

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY. Thos F. Watthews

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 12th August, 1951, at 10.20 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. C. Wurth,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th July, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Minister for Lands, dated 12/7/51, regarding representations made to him by Mr. E. P. Dring, M. L. A., on behalf of the Secretary, Clyde Wagon Works Annual Picnic Committee, in connection with the running tracks at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Minister be informed that the representations made to him have been noted; that the main track is on a slope and it would cost a considerable amount of money to make it level; that being in a public park it is difficult to prevent members of the public playing cricket and other games on it; that it is not a proper running track and no charge is made for using it; that holes made are continually being filled in and the grass mowed; and that the Trustees have never heard of any person being injured when using the track.

(ii) Letter from Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 19/7/51 further concerning the Draft Agreement with respect to access for the Commonwealth over the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Survey and Property Officer be informed that the Trustees agree to the words "within the area of land known as Nielsen Park" being deleted from the Draft Agreement and of Clause 3 (a) being redrafted in the manner suggested in his letter of 19/7/51.

(iii) Letter from Auburn Gate and Fence Works, dated 13/7/51 intimating that they cannot supply the pair of gates ordered for the Beach Paddock, Vaucluse Park, within at least a period of six months to eight months was read and on the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the matter be deferred until next meeting pending certain enquiries which Mr. Trustee Wurth undertook to make.

(iv) Letter from President, Royal Australian Historical Society, dated 20/7/51 expressing his thanks and the thanks of the Council of the Society for the assistance given by the Trustees by lending exhibits to the Jubilee Historical Exhibition was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Mrs. Elsie Dangerfield, Artist, Balgowlah, dated 16/7/51 asking for permission to paint in the Courtyard at Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the desired permission be granted.

(vi) Letter from Town Clerk, Municipality of Woollahra, dated 17/7/51 intimating that Application has been made to the Sydney County Council for the placing of a light on the new post

CHAIRMAN G. G. Nicholls

SECRETARY C. F. Nathan

CORRES-
PONDENCE: (CONT.) adjoining Steel Point Battery Reserve the annual cost of the light to be charged to the Trusts account with other lights in the Park area was read and noted.

(vii) Letter from Dr. L. G. Tait, dated 17/7/51 conveying his thanks to the Trust for their reply to his letter regarding the lights, etc. near the Tressillian Home Vaucluse was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from Operations Manager, Vacuum Oil Company, dated 31/7/51 forwarding cheque to the value of £16/4/3 to cover wages of the Trust's employees who cleaned debris from the beach at Nielsen Park which was coated with oil that escaped from the Company's Pulpit Point Depot was read and noted.

(ix) Letters from Department of the Navy, dated 27/7/51 and 6/8/51 regarding the trimming of certain trees in Nielsen Park to enable the electric supply main to be carried to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read and noted.

GENERAL
BUSINESS: (i) Consideration was given to the brief history of the Trust prepared by the Secretary for the Woollahra Historical Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the brief History be approved and a copy forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee together with a copy of the Booklet giving the History of Vaucluse House, etc.

(ii) Further consideration was given to the Roster prepared by the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. Pemberton) showing suggested duties and working hours of the Trust's employees at Nielsen Park.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the matter be deferred until next meeting . In the meantime Messrs. Wurth and Halbert to confer on the matter.

(iii) Schedules (2) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in August, 1951, amounting to a total of £10/4/6 (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Section and £6/10/10 (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Section were approved.

(iv) Having considered the Secretary's Report dated 12/8/51 it was resolved that 12 of the Trusts Sheep, 6 years old and one sheep 5 years old be shorn in September kept one month and then sold. The question of purchasing 13 young sheep to replace the old ones to be considered at a later date.

(v) It was resolved that eight tons of Bowral Bauxite Gravel be purchased at a cost of £48/-/- delivered at Vaucluse Park for use on the driveway leading from Olola Avenue to Vaucluse House.

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SECRETARY _____

(vi) Mr. Trustee Wurth informed the meeting that he had seen the Minister for Transport who assured him he would do whatever he could to assist the Trust in securing a better ferry service to Nielsen Park.

(vii) Mr. Trustee Wurth submitted Draft By-laws he had had prepared for the management of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park. After careful consideration it was resolved that the Draft By-laws be now forwarded to the Department of Lands for approval.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/51 was read and noted

(ii) Accounts paid since July meeting to the value of £264/-/2 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £486/-/8 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received. Approval was given for the purchase of the seeds specified in the report.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m. after which the Trustees visited Nielsen Park.

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CONFIRMED: _____

CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 9th September, 1951, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. C. Wurth,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Secretary, Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies, dated 30/7/51 thanking the Trustees for agreeing to place a street light adjacent to Steel Point Battery Reserve, etc. was read and noted. It was resolved that a sign board bearing the words "No through road - Traffic to Hospital only" be erected in a suitable position near the Tresillian Home.

(ii) Letter from Deputy Superintendent, H. M. A. Naval Establishments, dated 6/8/51, asking that the Trust undertake the work of trimming the trees necessary to enable the electric supply main to be carried through Nielsen Park to Steel Point Battery Reserve and agreeing to pay £30 for the work was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. Albert Jewell, Vaucluse, dated 8/8/51 intimating that the Vauxluse Orchid Society has decided not to hold its exhibition at Vaucluse House this year was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from General Manager, Government Insurance Office, dated 15/8/51 inviting attention to certain provisions of the Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1951, which will necessitate the payment of additional premium charges by the Trust was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Principal, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, dated 22/8/51, approving of the Trusts sheep being shorn and sprayed at the College as in previous years was read and the Secretary instructed to convey the Trustees thanks to the Principal.

(vi) Letter from A. Toscano, Bondi, dated 22/8/51 offering an explanation regarding his action in depositing rubbish in Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Toscano be informed that if he pays five pounds (£5/-/-) no proceedings will be taken against him.

(vii) Letter from Mrs. Elsie Dangerfield, Artist, Balgowlah, dated 24/8/51 thanking the Trustees for giving her permission to paint in the Courtyard at Vaucluse House was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from Messrs. F. W. Hall & Edgington, Solicitors, dated 28/8/51 reporting result of the proceedings taken against S. W. Osborne for depositing rubbish in Nielsen Park was read and noted. Mr. Trustee Wurth undertook to enquire whether it would be possible for the State Crown Solicitor to attend the Trusts legal work in future.

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CHAIRMAN G. G. Nicholls

SECRETARY C. F. Nathan

CORRES-PONDENCE (CONT.)

(ix) Letter from Minister for Transport, dated 29/8/51 intimating that the question of extending the ferry service between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park is at present being examined by the Sydney Harbour Transport Board was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) The question whether an account rendered by Conpress Printing Limited for printing 10, 165 copies of "Vaucluse House" booklets (£175) and 500 Baths Season Tickets (£1/9/-) should now be paid was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the account rendered be now paid.

(ii) The question whether an account for £196/5/10 rendered by Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd. for work already carried out in connection with the electrical installation at Vaucluse House should now be paid was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Company be asked to furnish a detailed statement of the work already carried out before the account can be paid. It was also resolved that upon receipt of the statement the Hon. Architect to the Trust be asked whether he could arrange for an officer to inspect the work done by the Company.

(iii) Further consideration was given to the Roster prepared by the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. Pemberton) showing suggested duties and working hours of the Trusts employees at Nielsen Park.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert it was resolved that in view of the fact that Mr. Pemberton is granted four weeks recreation leave each year; only pays ten shillings (10/-) a week rent for his living quarters; two pounds (£2/-/-) a year towards the cost of his telephone; and only works long hours during the swimming season, he be required to carry on in the same way as last year. Further that it be left to Mr. Pemberton to arrange the duties at Nielsen Park in such a manner as to avoid all overtime unless authorised by Mr. Trustee Halbert or the Secretary.

(iv) A report received from the Foreman and Sheds Manager (Mr. Pemberton) regarding the conduct of Mr. J. Stewart, the Trusts Painter etc. was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Mr. Stewart be asked to see the Vice President at his home at 7.30 p.m. on Monday the 10th September, 1951, and that Mr. Pemberton be asked to see Mr. Nicholls at a later date.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert it was resolved that advertisements be inserted in local papers warning persons against depositing rubbish in Nielsen-Vaucluse Park.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Trust be held on the third Sunday in October in lieu of the second Sunday.

(vii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that when the new gates are erected at the entrance to the Beach Paddock the Department of the Navy be requested to reimburse the Trust the cost.

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CHAIRMAN Lisle Nicholls

SECRETARY. Thomas F. Wallman

(viii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the exterior of the Nielsen Park Kiosk be painted.

(ix) The Trustees present at the meeting inspected plans of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park and the buildings, etc. thereon, which the Trusts Honorary Architect (Mr. Cobden Parkes) had had prepared and instructed the Secretary to convey to Mr. Parkes their thanks for them.

(x) It was resolved that when the new gates at the entrance to the Beach Paddock were placed in position a notice board be erected stating the times at which the gates will be closed.

It was also agreed that the Vice President enquire of James Stewart whether he would agree to lock the gates, on certain nights for say, 10/-, a week in addition to his ordinary wages.

FINANCE: (1) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/51 was read and noted.

In view of the present financial position of the Trust Mr. Trustee Wurth undertook to inquire whether there was any possibility of the Trust obtaining an increased subsidy from the Government.

(11) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £501/9/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £668/7/10 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN Leslie Nicholls

SECRETARY Thos. F. Hattrard

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 21st October, 1951, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. G. Nicholls (In the Chair and then Mr. Wurth)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
W. C. Wurth,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th September, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were elected for the year ending October, 1952:-

President.....Mr. S. H. Wilson
Vice President.Mr. W. C. Wurth,
Secretary.....Mr. C. F. Nathan,
Treasurer.....Mr. H. J. Halbert,
Publicity Officer.....Mr. S. H. Wilson

Nielsen Park Sub-Committee..... The President Ex Officio, Messrs. Halbert, McGrath and Miller.

Vaucluse House & Park Sub-Committee..... The President Ex Officio, Messrs. Nicholls, Kelly, Wurth and Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Communication from Department of Lands, dated 7/9/51 intimating that £390 has been deposited in the Commonwealth Savings Bank towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park - supply to end of September, 1951, was read and noted. Mr. Wurth informed the meeting that the Government would increase the Trusts subsidy this year by £700.

(ii) Letter from Secretary, Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies, dated 19/9/51, thanking the Trustees for approving of a "Dead End" sign being erected adjacent to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. dated 19/9/51 stating the times at which Ferries will run between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park during the present swimming season was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Chairman, Woollahra Historical Committee, dated 27/9/51 expressing thanks for the brief history of the Trust and copy of Booklet forwarded to him was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Mr. C. Dowsett, Rockdale, dated 2/10/51 claiming £5/3/4 for a pair of shoes and sox alleged to have been stolen from a cubicle hired by him at Nielsen Park on 30/9/51 was read.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

SECRETARY Chas F. Nathan

CORRES-PONDENCE: (CONT.)

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Mr. Dowsett be informed that the Trustees have given his request careful consideration and regret they are unable to approve of any compensation being granted him. The Trustees regret his loss, but he will have observed that a notice in the sheds informs the public that the Trustees accept no responsibility for any article placed or left in lockers or cubicles.

It was also resolved that notices be erected in suitable positions in the dressing sheds to the effect that small articles of value will be taken care of on payment of a fee of sixpence (6d.)

(vi) Letter from Mr. D. Thatcher, Dover Heights, dated 2/10/51 inviting attention to the speed at which a motor car travelled in Nielsen Park on 1/10/51 was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that a letter which Mr. Wurth had drafted be sent to Mr. Thatcher.

(vii) Letter from Mrs. H. F. Friend, Kelburn, Goulburn, dated 29/9/51 offering to present for exhibition at Vaucluse House a ladies side saddle purchased in England about 1879 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(viii) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands dated 4/10/51, forwarding copies of the By-laws for the management of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park as notified in the Government Gazette of 21st September, 1951, was read and noted. The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the By-laws to each Trustee.

(ix) Letter from Mr. E. M. Robson, M.L.A. dated 12/10/51, forwarding copy of a letter written by him, at the request of the Woollahra Municipal Council, to the Minister for Lands asking that an Alderman of the Council be appointed a member of the Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust ex-officio was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, resolved that no objection be raised to the appointment provided it was made quite clear that if the gentleman appointed ceased to be an Alderman he at once vacated his seat on the Trust.

(x) Letter from Auditor General, dated 17/10/51 forwarding Balance Sheet, duly certified, and supporting statement together with a copy of his report to the Colonial Treasurer and the Minister for Lands in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1951, was read and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of the report, etc. to each Trustee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Question whether ten dozen or a less number of coloured towels 24" x 48" should be purchased through the Government Stores Department at a cost of 98/- a dozen to be hired out at the Dressing Sheds, Nielsen Park, was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that ten dozen towels be purchased

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CHAIRMAN. Maurice C. Wurth

SECRETARY. Chas. F. Nathan

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

@ 98/- a dozen. Mr. Wurth undertook to enquire whether a stamp of some kind could be obtained to suitably mark the towels.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that a letter, in accordance with a draft prepared by Mr. Wurth, be addressed to the State Crown Solicitor, (Mr. F. P. McRae) asking whether it would be possible for him and his office to undertake the limited amount of legal work which the Trust requires from time to time.

(iii) It was resolved that the Head Gardener (Mr. J. Reynolds) be informed of the Trustees' appreciation of the work done by him and his assistants, and of the condition of the gardens and grounds.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that persons desirous of booking a pavilion at Nielsen Park a year or more ahead should be permitted to do so on the distinct understanding that the charge made will be that payable on the date the pavilion is used.

(v) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the motion carried at the meeting held on 6/3/51 fixing a cleaning fee at Nielsen Park be rescinded forthwith and that in lieu of such fee the rentals of the pavilions be fixed as follows:-

No. 1	Pavilion	£10.	a	day.
No. 2	"	£ 7.	"	"
No. 3	"	£ 5.	"	"

It was also resolved that persons who have already booked pavilions should be advised of the increases and requested to pay the increased rates. Charitable and religious bodies will be allowed a reduction of 25% in the rents fixed.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that each charge for Summer Houses at Nielsen Park be increased by sixpence (6d.)

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 13/10/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since September meeting to the value of £605/5/10 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £547/2/11 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

(iii) Mr. Wurth placed before the meeting statements showing the estimated income and expenditure of the Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1952.

A copy of the statements was handed to each Trustee and Mr. Wurth was thanked for having them prepared.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 12. 5 p.m.

CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

SECRETARY. Chas. F. Matthews

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

SECRETARY. Chas. F. Matthews

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, the 11th November, 1951, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21st October, 1951, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Memo from Commonwealth Sub-Treasury dated 19/10/51 forwarding cheque for thirty pounds (£30) to cover cost of trimming trees to enable the electric supply main to be carried through Nielsen Park to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Secretary, Nielsen Park Life Saving Club, dated 30/10/51, enquiring whether No. 38 of the Trusts by-laws applies to particular members of his club, such as the Inspector only, or all members on patrol was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the Secretary of the Club be furnished with a copy of the letter addressed to the then Secretary of the Club on 2/1/1948 and informed that the Trustees desire that the conditions specified therein be observed.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board, dated 30/10/51 supplying certain information regarding the account for £705/19/10 rendered by the Board for repairs to the Nielsen Park Jetty and Bathing Enclosure was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that it be left to the Vice President (Mr. Wurth) to collaborate with the Board.

(iv) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, dated 31/10/51, intimating that the Minister has approved of the appointment of Alderman A. H. Hood as an ex-officio Trustee of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park to represent the Woollahra Municipal Council - his trusteeship to terminate upon his ceasing to be a member of the Council was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the letter be noted.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. Edna McCay, Rose Bay, dated 5/11/51 expressing her wish to become a member of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the letter be acknowledged and Mrs. McCay informed that her wish had been noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Report of Secretary, dated 7/11/51 regarding the reaction of persons who had booked Pavilions at Nielsen Park at the old charges upon being asked to pay the increased charges decided upon at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees on 21/10/51 was read.

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On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that in cases where persons who had booked a pavilion prior to 21/10/51 declined to pay the increased fees no further action be taken.

(ii) The Secretary having reported that Mr. Oscar O'Brien had verbily asked that the Trust have a fire break made on the boundary between Nielsen Park and his property it was resolved that Mr. Trustee Halbert confer with Mr. O'Brien regarding the matter.

(iii) James Stewart reported that the main gates leading to Clola Avenue had been left open on Saturday night (10/ 11/51) and the Secretary was instructed to again instruct Mr. Pemberton that when he enters or leaves the Park after the main gate is closed he must re-lock the gate on every occasion.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since October meeting to the value of £313/4/9 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £490/2/8 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY Edwin F. Matthew

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CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY Edwin F. Matthew

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 9th December, 1951, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
C. F. Nathan (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES. An apology was received from Mr. Miller.

The President expressed regret for having been away from Sydney so long and thanked the Vice President and Trustees for carrying on the work of the Trust during his absence.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11/11/51 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRES-PONDENCE. (i) Letter from the Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 19/11/51, returning Draft Agreement between the Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust and the Commonwealth with respect to the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve for engrosement as amended in red ink was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Draft Agreement as altered be approved; that it be forwarded to Messrs. Hall and Edgington, Solicitors, for engrosement and return to the Trustees who will seek the necessary approval of the Minister for Lands. It was also resolved that after approval by the Minister any additional action required be taken by the Secretary; that Messrs. Hall and Edgington be informed that in future the legal work of the Trust is to be undertaken by the State Crown Solicitor; and that they be thanked for their past services.

(ii) Letter from Acting Surveyor and Property Officer, Department of the Interior, dated 22/11/51 intimating that the matter of closing up the entrances to the old gun pits at Steel Point Battery Reserve has been referred to the Department of the Army who advise that action to brick up the Air Raid Shelter will be undertaken as soon as possible was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the letter be received. The Secretary reported to the meeting that the Department of the Army had bricked up the entrances to the gun pits and that after completion of the work vandals broke down one of the new barriers. It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the President.

(iii) Letter from State Crown Solicitor, dated 4/12/51 intimating that the Attorney General has now indicated his approval to the legal work of the Trust being undertaken in the Crown Solicitors Office was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the letter be received and that the Trustees' thanks be conveyed to the Crown Solicitor. Mr. Wurth was thanked for the action taken by him in the matter.

(iv) A letter dated 3/12/51 addressed to the Vice President (Mr. Wurth) by the President of the Maritime Services

SECRETARY. Chas. F. Nathan. CHAIRMAN.

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Board intimating that the Board would accept £593/-/11 in payment of its claim for work carried out at the wharf and swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park - in lieu of the original amount of £705/18/10 was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert it was resolved that the reduced amount of £593/-/11 be paid forthwith.

Mr. Wurth was thanked for the action taken by him in the matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Schedules (2) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in November, 1951, amounting to £16/10/6 (approx.) in the case of Nielsen Section and £26/17/5 (approx.) in the case of Vaucluse Section were approved.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that any persons who had been written to in accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Trust on 21/10/51 and had cancelled their booking and asked for a refund of their deposits be refunded the amounts paid by them.

(iii) It was resolved that the deposit of five shillings (5/-) on towels hired out at the Dressing Sheds be not increased at present but that the matter be subject to review.

(iv) Mr. Halbert suggested that a section of Nielsen Park at the corner of Vaucluse Road and Greycliffe Avenue be used as a car park.

The suggestion was considered a good one and it was resolved that it be left to the President and Mr. Halbert to arrange the matter.

(v) The suggestion made by the Gardener in his report of 9/12/51 that a structure be erected behind that portion of wistaria near the glass house in Vaucluse Park to train the Wistaria on was agreed to.

(vi) The report of the Gardener (9/12/51) regarding the nuisance caused by children attending parties in the Nielsen, Vaucluse Park, was read and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the President.

(vii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. [illegible], it was resolved that at the close of the present swimming season Roy Clarke be informed that no further overtime would be paid to him.

(viii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. [illegible], it was resolved that F. Irvine be informed that the Trustees were unable to pay him overtime but that he could take time off for any work carried out by him over and above forty hours a week

(ix) The prices charged for Coloured Folders and the History of Vaucluse House was discussed and it was left to the President and Secretary to investigate the matter and report to next meeting.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/51 was read and noted.

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(ii) Accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £386/6/1 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £74/14/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's Reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

Chas. F. Hathaway
SECRETARY.

-- CHAIRMAN

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Chas. F. Hathaway

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE [illegible]

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th January, 1952 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
[illegible]. J. Halbert,
[illegible]. [illegible]. Kelly,
[illegible]. [illegible]. McGrath,
[illegible]. [illegible]. Hood,
[illegible]. [illegible]. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9/12/51 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of [illegible] dated 24/12/51 intimating that, by notice published in the Government Gazette of 30/11/51, Alderman A. H. Hood was appointed as an ex-officio Trustee of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park to represent the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra on the Trust for the duration of his term as an Alderman was read.
Mr. Hood attended the meeting and was welcomed by the President and Trustees. He suitably responded.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that Mr. A. H. Hood be appointed a member of the Nielsen Park Sub-Committee.

(iii) Communication from Department of Lands (undated) intimating that £1953 has been lodged in the Commonwealth Savings Bank towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park being balance of annual grant for financial year 1951-52 was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from James Stewart dated 15/12/51 resign-[illegible] [illegible].
On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the resignation be accepted and that Mr. Stewart be thanked for the service rendered by him during the years he held the position.

(v) Letter from Mrs. E. Coller, 28 Olola Avenue, Vaucluse, dated 30/12/51 inquiring whether it would be possible to have one or two trees in Vaucluse Park lopped to enable her to have a better view of the Harbour was read.
On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the authority sought be given on condition that the lopping be carried out at Mrs. Coller's expense by an experienced workman approved by the Trust, and to the Trust's satisfaction.

(vi) Letter from Messrs. Hall & Edgington, Solicitors, [illegible] dated 7/1/52, [illegible] Commonwealth and the Trust giving access to the Department of the Navy over the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve was read.

Chas. F. Nathan

SECRETARY _____ CHAIRMAN _____

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CORRES-PONDENCE: The Trustees present signed the Agreement in triplicate and the Secretary was instructed to secure the [illegible] for the signature of the Commonwealth Solicitor General.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Further consideration was given to the question [illegible] Dressing Sheds should be increased to 10/-.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that as from 14.1.1952 10/- be charged as a deposit in lieu of 5/-.

(ii) Further consideration was given to the prices charged for Coloured Folders and the History of Vaucluse House.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the folders remain at 2/- and that the booklets be sold at 1/- on and from 14/1/1952.

(iii) A statement submitted by the Secretary showing accruals of basic wage increases amounting to £1/11/6 due to A. R. Clarke on overtime earned by him at Nielsen Park during the period 23/11/51 to 19/12/51 was approved.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that no alteration be made in the time the Dressing Sheds are opened in the mornings during the summer months (i.e. 7 a.m.)

(v) The question of the charges made for the cubicles and lockers was discussed and it was decided that enquiries be made regarding the charges made by other baths, etc.

(vi) Approval was given for the erection of stone steps leading to Nielsen Park from the omnibus stop in Vaucluse Road.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/12/51 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £1190/-/-3 in the case of Nielsen Section and to the value of £351/2/1 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received. The [illegible] planting was adopted.

CLOSED: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

John E. Watkins
SECRETARY _____ CHAIRMAN _____

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John E. Watkins
SECRETARY _____ CHAIRMAN _____

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th February, 1952, at 10 a.m.

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PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE Vl. Before the business of the meeting commenced the President moved that the Trustees place on record their deep regret at the death of His Majesty King George Vl and that those present stand in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to the late King.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13/1/1952 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Mrs. S. de Vere, Lady Corps Superintendent, Sydney No. 4 Corps, The Saint John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, dated 22/1/52 asking for a donation towards the cost of maintaining the Nielsen Park First Aid Station was read.

Halbert
Hood On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. ~~Hood~~ it was resolved that a donation of twenty guineas (£21/-/-) be made towards the maintenance of the First Aid Station.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Report of the Secretary, dated 4/2/1952 regarding the sale at Vaucluse House of folders, photos and postcards was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that no more six shilling folders be purchased, that the price at which photos and folders should be sold be left in the hands of the President and Secretary, Further, that a quote be obtained from Mr. Green of the price per dozen at which he would be prepared to sell photos and postcards.

(ii) Schedules (2) submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases to which employees will be entitled as from the first full pay period in February, 1952 (i.e. from 27/2/52) were approved.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr. L. O. A. McCole, expressing the Trustees appreciation of the renovations and improvements carried out by him at the Nielsen Park Kiosk.

(iv) Mr. Trustee Hood brought under notice that food left by the public in Nielsen Park, and subsequently deposited by the Trusts employees at the tip in Nielsen Park encouraged rats at this area. The President advised that no other means of disposal of this refuse was available to the Trustees and

PRESIDENT:

Chas F. Nathan
SECRETARY;

GENERAL BUSINESS. (CONT.) the practice of burning the refuse at the tip was temporarily prohibited by the Chief Secretary's Department. The Secretary was instructed to again approach the Department seeking special permission to burn the refuse at the tip and thus avoid the conditions mentioned.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Hood it was resolved that inquiries be made as to the cost of erecting an incinerator in the Park.

(v) Mr. Hood suggested that something be done to improve the old pathway leading to the top of Mount Tréfle and it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the President.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of £447/11/11 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £827/2/7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

PRESIDENT: J. O'Brien

SECRETARY: Chas. F. Matthews

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PRESIDENT: J. O'Brien

SECRETARY: Chas. F. Matthews

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th March, 1952, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Messrs. Nicholls, Halbert and McGrath.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 10/2/52 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Mr. V. Malm, 58 Mary Street, City, asking for two pounds (£2) compensation for property he alleges was stolen from a locker hired by him at Nielsen Park on 10/2/52 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that Mr. Malm be informed that the Trustees cannot accept responsibility for his alleged loss, drawing his attention to the fact that notices in the Dressing Sheds clearly indicate that the Trustees cannot accept such responsibility.

(ii) Letter from Mr. J. B. Bateman, Dundas, dated 24/2/52 asking for a refund of expenses (£18/9/-) incurred by him in connection with injuries sustained by his wife at Nielsen Park on 10/2/52 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the action of the Secretary in sending the claim on to the Government Insurance Office for attention be endorsed, and that steps be taken to expedite payment. Mr. Wurth undertook to communicate with the Government Insurance Office regarding the matter.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Department of Public Works, 29/2/52, reporting result of the Metropolitan Engineers inspection of the drainage system within Nielsen Park and giving the estimated cost (£100) of carrying out work required was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the Department be thanked for its report and quotation and informed that the matter had been deferred. In the meantime the broken collars will be replaced by the Trust's employees when the condition of the pipes then be viewed.

(iv) Letter from Mrs. M. C. de Vere, Corps Superintendent, Sydney No. 4 Corps, The St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, 27/2/52, thanking the Trustees for their donation of twenty guineas (£21) towards the cost of maintaining the First Aid Station at Nielsen Park was read and noted.

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PRESIDENT: S. H. Wilson SECRETARY: Chas. F. Nathan

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Report of Secretary, 11/2/52, advising that upon making enquiries from the Bushfires Advisory Committee, Chief Secretary's Department, for a special permit to burn rubbish in Nielsen Park he was advised that permission could not be granted whilst the Bushfire Prevention Restrictions were applicable, was read and noted.

(ii) Report of Secretary, 28/2/52, regarding the estimated cost of erecting a suitable incinerator in Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved:-

(1) That consideration of the question of the provision of an incinerator be deferred.

(2) That the present practice of burning rubbish be continued.

(3) That the staff be instructed to maintain the "tip" in a proper condition.

(4) That the Secretary make further inquiries as to the practicability of keeping closed the gates in Vaucluse Road leading to the Tresillian Hospital.

(iii) Report of Secretary, 11/2/52 that as the result of inquiries from the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board, he was advised that a special permit to use fixed hoses in Vaucluse Park other than between the restricted hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. could not be granted was read and noted.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Clause 29 of the By-laws for the management of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park be repealed and that a new By-law in accordance with the Draft submitted by Mr. Wurthbe and is hereby adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to take the necessary action for the repeal of the old By-law and the promulgation of the newBy-law.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that notices be placed in suitable positions on the road leading from Vaucluse Road to the Steel Point Battery Reserve prohibiting the parking of vehicles on the road.

(vi) The Secretary's report advising that three men (Molloy, Knight and Grover) were prosecuted for entering the Swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park otherwise than through the authorised gate or openings provided for entrance to such enclosure, and fined 10/- and £1/9/9 for witnesses expenses and Court costs, was read and noted.

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PRESIDENT:_____ SECRETARY:_____

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 29/2/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since February meeting to the value of £319/2/7 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £671/12/2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

PRESIDENT: [signature] SECRETARY: [signature]

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PRESIDENT: [signature] SECRETARY: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 20th April, 1952, at 10 a.m.

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PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
W. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from General Manager, Government Insurance Office (10/3/52) regarding the claim of Mr. Bateman for compensation in respect of injuries suffered by his wife at Nielsen Park on 10/2/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Mrs. M. Downham, Woollahra (undated) offering to present to the Trust for exhibition in Vaucluse House, a medal struck in Queen Victoria's Reign was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(iii) Letter from Mr. K. H. Sinclair, Sans Souci (27/3/52) offering to present to the Trust for exhibition in Vaucluse House, a William IV shilling dated 1834 which was found at Prospect on property at one time owned by Lieut. Lawson was read.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(iv) Letter from Miss K. English, Roseville (27/3/52) offering to present to the Trust Mrs. Hamilton Hume's carriage stool was read.
On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

(v) Letter from Miss D. H. Holbrook, Blaxland (17/3/52) intimating that she was forwarding to the Trust a silk evening cloak and a piece of pompadour silk which belonged to her late mother 80 years ago was read.
On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the gifts be accepted with thanks.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (27/3/52) regarding the question of keeping closed the gate at the entrance to the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point Battery Reserve and the Trosillian Vaucluse Mothercraft Training School was read and noted.

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SECRETARY. C. F. Nathan PRESIDENT. S. H. Wilson

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Consideration was given to the question of repairing the parapet and painting certain exterior walls at Vaucluse House.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the recommendation made by the President in his minute of 27/3/52 be adopted.

(ii) The question of renewing certain skirting boards etc. in Vaucluse House which have been damaged by White Ants (estimated cost of timber etc. £4/18/9, exclusive of labour) was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the recommendation made by the President in his minute of 17/4/52 be adopted.

(iii) Consideration was given to the question of carrying out certain repairs to the Kiosk in Vaucluse Park at an estimated cost of £88 for timber, etc. exclusive of labour.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the recommendation made by the President in his minute of 17/4/52 be adopted. It was also resolved that although the initial cost would be greater copper guttering and downpipes be used and that ⅞" diameter rods be used instead.

(iv) After hearing the views of the President and Mr. Trustee Halbert it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller that certain of the cement paths in Nielsen Park be repaired as labour becomes available. It was estimated that one ton of cement and some metal screenings would be required for the necessary work.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £305/19/7 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £584/10/- in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED; The meeting closed at 11.5 p.m.

SECRETARY. Edward F. Wurth PRESIDENT.....

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SECRETARY. Edward F. Wurth PRESIDENT.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

27th April, 1952.

Minute from: The President,

To: The Trustees.

Vaucluse House.

The cause of the penetration of water under the verandah roof at Vaucluse House has been investigated by the Trust's employees, Binnie and Cameron and their suggestions for eliminating this defect has been endorsed by the Hon. Architect Mr. Cobden Parkes as per his letter of 10th April, 1952.

I recommend that this work be carried out forthwith together with the repainting of the outside front wall of the House as well as, internally, the following:-

Replacing certain timber in the hall and ballroom which has been destroyed by white ants and painting portions of some of the walls in the halls, etc.

Kiosk.

The condition of the Kiosk is such that the necessary repairs should be effected as early as possible. I attach a copy of a report made by Mr. Binnie, Trust Carpenter, together with copy of a letter from Mr. Cobden Parkes, Hon. Architect, endorsing Mr. Binnie's recommendations. The estimated cost of materials is eighty eight pounds (£88) and I recommend that the work as specified be carried out forthwith.

Sydney H. Wilson,

President.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th May, 1952, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Messrs. Hurth and Kelly.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Halbert seconded by Mr. Hood.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Letter from Organising Secretary, Eventide Homes Appeal (9/4/52) asking for a donation was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Organising Secretary be informed that it is regretted the Trust is not empowered to make a donation as requested.

(ii) Letter from Mr. Henry Dodd, Marrickville (14/4/52) offering to present for exhibition in Vaucluse House, two glass shades covering artificial flowers was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Mr. Dodd be thanked for his offer and informed that as it was the Trustees wish to exhibit in Vaucluse House only articles connected with W. C. Wentworth or of his period it is regretted that his gift cannot be accepted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. C. Barrington Darley, Brisbane, (27/4/52) offering to present for exhibition in Vaucluse House a large medallion about twelve inches in diameter which he purchased about forty years ago was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Mr. Darley be thanked for his offer and informed that unless the Trustees can be definitely assured that the article offered was in some way connected with W. C. Wentworth they regret they are unable to accept it.

(iv) Letter from Miss D. H. Holbrook, Blaxland (1/5/52) offering to present, for exhibition in Vaucluse House, what she describes as a very lovely vase was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that Miss Holbrook be thanked for her offer and informed that when one of the Trustees passes through Blaxland he will call and see the vase.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) The recommendation made by the Secretary in his report of 11/5/52 that six Moreton Bay Figs in the vicinity of the Coach House and Glass House, Vaucluse Park, be removed was approved but before the work of removing them was commenced the Secretary is to obtain a quote from a Mr. Strong who has been recommended by Mr. Trustee Hood.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(ii) The recommendation made by the Secretary in his report of 11/5/52 that a large dead North American Poplar close to the Creek in the paddock not far from the glass house be removed as soon as possible was approved.

(iii) The President advised that he was leaving on 17/ /52 overseas, on a short business trip. It was moved by Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, that the President be granted leave of absence during the period of his visit overseas. Carried.

(iv) After inspection of the driveway it was resolved that the portion of the roadway facing the Coach House be widened to the alignment as marked by the pegs placed in position as inspected.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since April Meeting to the value of £421/18/9 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £684/10/10 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.

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SECRETARY Chas. F. Mattiaro CHAIRMAN [illegible]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th June, 1952, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Mr. C. Barrington Darley, Brisbane (24/5/52) further respecting the large medallion which he offered to present to the Trust for exhibition in Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the medallion be accepted with thanks.

(ii) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board (21/5/52) reporting that the water meter controlling the supply of water at Vaucluse House has been damaged and submitting claim for ten shillings (10/-) to defray the cost of fixing a padlock and locking stud on the meter was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the claim be paid.

(iii) Letter from Secretary and Superintendent, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service (20/5/52) asking for a donation towards their funds was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that a donation of five guineas (£5/5/-) be made.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Schedules submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in May, 1952, i.e. from 21/5/52 were approved.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that six tons of Bowral Bauxite Gravel for the red driveway in Vaucluse Park be purchased at a cost of forty-eight pounds(£48/-/-) including cartage.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the exterior of the Kiosk in Vaucluse Park be painted at the expense of the Trust.

It was also resolved that the question of painting the interior of the Kiosk be left to Messrs. Wurth and Halbert to discuss with the Proprietor (Mr. McCole.)

(iv) The report of the Secretary regarding a dog which frequently chases the sheep in Vaucluse Park was discussed and it was resolved that the Vice President speak to the owner of the dog.

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SECRETARY: Edwin F. Nathan CHAIRMAN: William C. Wurth

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(v) The condition of the roofs of the pavilions at Nielsen Park was discussed and it was resolved that the Vice President seek the advice of the Government Architect.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the wording on the notice boards recently placed on the roadway leading to Steel Point Battery Reserve be altered to read "Parking in this area is prohibited" instead of "Parking on this road is prohibited".

(vii) Mr. Hood explained what the Transport authorities proposal was in regard to the omnibus service from Macquarie Street to Watsons Bay and the Vice President undertook to interview Mr. Shoebridge and Mr. Winsor in an endeavour to have a direct service from Macquarie Street to Watsons Bay on Sundays.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £528/8/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £340/-/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's Reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.

SECRETARY: Chas. F. Hathaway CHAIRMAN: Wallace C. Smith

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SECRETARY: Chas. F. Hathaway CHAIRMAN: Wallace C. Smith

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th August, 1952, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth, (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Letter from Commissioner for Road Transport and Tramways (17/6/52) addressed to the Vice-President (Mr. Wurth) regarding the Omnibus Service proposed to be run in future to and from Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks was read.

On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Trust write to Woollahra Municipal Council asking that representations be made to the Transport authorities urging that Route 327 Omnibus (Central Railway Station) be diverted to run to Watson's Bay via Vaucluse Road (i.e. from New South Head Road at the Convent to the junction of Fitzwilliam Road and Hopetoun Avenue.

(ii) Letter from Mrs. L. Denes, Waverton (3/7/52) asking for a permit to carry on her trade as a photographer for the summer season in Nielsen Park (1952-53) and offering to pay £25 was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the permit asked for be granted subject to Mr. Halbert being satisfied that the applicant will conform to the usual conditions.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Bonds Motor Services Ltd. Adelaide (9/7/52) forwarding cheque for seven pounds sixteen shillings (£7/16/-) to cover cost of repairs to kerbing in Vaucluse Park damaged by one of their coaches on 16/6/52 was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, (11/7/52) intimating that By-laws for the management of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park were published in Government Gazette of 27/6/52 was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Chief of Division of Wood Technology, Forestry Commission of N. S. W. (21/7/52) regarding enquiries made by one of his officers in connection with cutting of shingles was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that up to six pounds (£6) a thousand be offered for oak shingles and that if they cannot be obtained at that price consideration be given to a suggestion of Mr. Hood that terracotta shingles be used.

(vi) Letter from Secretary & Superintendent, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service (7/7/52) thanking the Trustees for their donation of £5/5/- towards the funds of the Institution was read and received.

SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN [illegible]

CORRES-PONDENCE: (CONT.)

(vii) Letter from Sydney County Council (30/7/52) requesting that certain trees in Nielsen Park which are fouling or likely to foul electric mains in the street be lopped or removed was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that as the necessary lopping had been done, the letter be received.

(viii) Letter from Director, National Art Gallery of N. S. W. (31/7/52) regarding the paintings, etc. in Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved the Water Colour Painting "Liverpool Ranges" by Conrad Martens be returned to the Art Gallery as requested; that Mr. Setelizk be asked to inspect the Trusts paintings and quote a price for restoring them; and that when the quote is received the Trustees give priority to the renovation of the painting of the Piper Family1

(ix) Letter from President, N. S. W. Soudan Contingent Association of 1885 (1/8/52) asking that a silver trumpet on view in Vaucluse House be transferred to the War Memorial at Canberra was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that if the Trust receives a letter from the Director of the War Memorial supporting the Associations request the trumpet be transferred - provided the Mitchell Librarian sees no objection to its removal from Vaucluse House.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Schedules submitted by the Secretary, showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in August, 1952, were approved. The increases amounted to £3/2/5 a week in Vaucluse Section and £5/3/6 approx. a week in Nielsen Section.

(ii) In view of the Secretary's report of 10/8/52 it was resolved that persons be not permitted to play golf in any portion of Vaucluse Park. It was also resolved that boys playing football, etc. in the Park be not stopped unless it was considered that they were doing damage or making a nuisance of themselves.

(iii) It was resolved that sufficient second hand water pipes be purchased to carry water to the Parking area in Nielsen Park.

(iv) It was resolved that a spray pump be made by R. Clarke for use at Vaucluse Park, the motor from one of the old mowing machines to be used in the construction of the spray.

(v) In connection with the painting of the interior of Vaucluse Park Kiosk it was resolved on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert that the Proprietor (Mr. McCole) be asked to contribute 50% of the cost.

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SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN. [illegible]

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.): (vi) The Secretary was instructed to furnish each Trustee prior to next meeting with a list showing the existing charges imposed at Nielsen Park for the various facilities available to the public.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/52 was read and noted.

(iii) Accounts paid since June meeting to the value of £1148/1/11 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £880/16/6 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.25 a.m. after which the Trustees inspected the work which had been carried out since last meeting.

SECRETARY [signature] CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

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SECRETARY [signature] CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th September, 1952, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th August, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Town Clerk Municipality of Woollahra, (13/8/52) regarding the letter dated (11/8/52) addressed to him by the Secretary of the Trust in connection with the omnibus service between Macquarie Street and Watsons Bay, was read and received.

(ii) Letter addressed to Mr. E. Coller by Mrs. Hughes of Hove, Sussex, England, offering to leave certain articles to the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that Mrs. Hughes offer be accepted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. W. B. Love and other residents of Coolong Road and Greycliffe Avenue (22/8/52) urging that appropriate action be taken to prevent persons causing a nuisance nightly by driving motor cycles in Nielsen Park Reserve was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that Mr. Love be written to again and informed that the Police have been communicated with and have undertaken to give the matter special attention.

(iv) Letter from Department of Public Works (27/8/52) regarding the additional work necessary to safeguard the sea wall at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Secretary for Public Works be thanked for his letter and informed that it was not desired to take any further action at present.

(v) Letter from Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd., (28/8/52) regarding the firms outstanding account (196/5/10) for electric installation at Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the file be handed to Mr. Wurth who undertook to arrange for an officer to check up the work carried out by Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd.

(vi) Letter from Chief Traffic Manager, Department of Government Tram and Omnibus Services (29/8/52) intimating that additional accommodation will be provided on Route 322 (Vaucluse-Bondi Beach via Dover Road) service during the Wistaria display in Vaucluse Park was read and noted.

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CHAIRMAN W. C. Wurth SECRETARY C. F. Nathan

(vii) Letter from Acting Secretary, Police Department (1/9/52) intimating that necessary police arrangements will be made to cope with traffic, etc. during the Wistaria Season at Vaucluse House was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from Mrs. P. Roche, Steel Point, (30/8/52.) inviting attention to the state of the water pipes and wash copper at the cottage occupied by her was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the necessary materials be purchased and the work carried out as soon as possible.

(ix) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands, (2/9/52)Inviting attention to the provisions of the Trustees of Public Reserves, (Limitation of Numbers and Retirement) Act, 1941 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the request made by the Under Secretary in his letter of 2/9/52 be complied with.

(x) Letter from Mr. A. B. Binnie, Watsons Bay (3/9/52) offering to purchase a broken down petrol engine removed from one of the disused mowers at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that Mr. Wurth's offer to arrange for some person to value the motor be accepted.

The Secretary was also instructed to check up on any other surplus stock which might be disposed of.

(xi) Letter from Miss Dora H. Holbrook, Blaxland (received 9/9/52) further respecting the vase which she offered to present for exhibition in Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that Miss Holbrook be informed that Mr. Miller will call and see her within the next few weeks.

(xii) Letter from Mr. D. Setelik, Randwick, (10/9/52) forwarding quote for the restoration and conservation of some of the paintings in Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Mr. Setelik's quote for restoring the painting of Mrs. Piper & family be accepted and that the remaining pictures be treated in order of urgency as funds permit. Before acting on the restoration, however, Mr. Miller will arrange for the remaining pictures to be inspected by Mr. Smith.

(xiii) Letter from General Manager, Sydney County Council (11/9/52) requesting that one of the electric light poles in Vaucluse Park (damaged by dry rot and white ants) be replaced within twenty-one (21) days was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the County Council be asked if they would supply and erect the new pole for a sum not exceeding £20.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Consideration was given to the question whether any of the charges at present made at Nielsen Park should be increased

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the charge for cubicles be increased to 1/6 a day or part thereof; that no charge be made for outside tables at present; and that all other charges remain as at present.

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CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY [signature]

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(ii) The question whether two bricks from the home of Archibald Bell of Richmond, N.S.W. left at Vaucluse House by Judge McKillop, should be accepted was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the bricks be accepted with thanks.

(iii) The question whether a cup and saucer from the original Wentworth collection which Mrs. W. C. Wentworth would like to present to the Trust should be accepted was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls it was resolved that the articles be accepted with thanks.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the practice of issuing pass out checks at the Nielsen Park Dressing Sheds be continued but that the matter be considered again at a later meeting.

The use of pieces of wool for pass out checks was discussed and Mr. Nicholls undertook to inquire whether the type of string used for sewing wheat bags could be used if dyed the required colours.

(v) Mr. Wurth informed the meeting that he would arrange for a competent officer to inspect the Wistaria at Vaucluse House and offer suggestions for improving it.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing the financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £442/3/9 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £420/1/7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardeners Report was read and received. Plants suggested; approved.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY [signature]

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CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY. [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th October, 1952 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hood seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letters from Mr. E. M. Smith (23/9/52) and Miss L. Drake (23/9/52) forwarding their estimates for the restoration of certain paintings in Vaucluse House were read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the offer of Mr. Wurth to ask Mr. Hal Missingham, Director, National Art Gallery to view the paintings and advise the Trust be accepted with thanks.

(ii) Letter from Mr. George Radnai, Paddington (1/9/52) offering the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) for the exclusive right to take photographs in Nielsen Park during the ensuing summer season was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the offer be accepted on condition that the By-laws for the management of the Park be observed, and that the Trustees would not accept any responsibility in ensuring that his exclusive rights were forced.

(iii) Letter from Mr. Cobden Parkes, Hon. Architect to the Trust (17/9/52) reporting result of inspections made of the electrical work carried out by Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd. at Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd. be informed that it has been reported that the work performed by them has not been properly carried out and it is suggested that they interview the Acting President of the Trust at their early convenience.

(iv) Letter from Miss A. Speight, Lewisham (18/9/52) regarding the unsatisfactory transport arrangements to and from Vaucluse House on 13/9/52 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the letter be received.

(v) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. (17/9/52) forwarding ferry time table to be run to and from Nielsen Park on Sundays and Public Holidays from 5/9/52 till a date to be arranged in 1953 was read and received.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board (19/9/52) requesting that approvals be made to carry out certain repairs to the jetty at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Board be asked to carry out the necessary work at the expense of the Trust.

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SECRETARY C. F. Nathan CHAIRMAN W. C. Wurth

CORRES-
PONDENCE: (CONT.) (vii) Letter from General Manager, Sydney County Council (2/10/52) intimating that the estimated cost of replacing a defective pole in Vaucluse Park is sixteen pounds (£16) but the actual cost which might be a little more or less will be charged the Trust was read and it was resolved that the file be left with Mr. Hood who undertook to enquire why the electric light poles in Vaucluse Park had to be paid for by the Trust whilst those in Nielsen were not.

(viii) Letter from Hon. Secretary, Nielsen Park Life Saving Club (3/10/52) asking for permission for some of the senior active members of the Club to take up residence in the Club premises during the coming Christmas Holidays was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Hon. Secretary be informed that it is regretted the desired permission cannot be given.

GENERAL
BUSINESS: (i) Report of Gardener (16/9/52) concerning the garden adjacent to the Kiosk known as the rockery was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hood it was resolved that all that was required at present was to clean up the rockery and plant mesembryanthemum and other suitable plants.

(ii) Report of Secretary to Vice President (24/9/52) regarding the purchase of photos, postcards, etc. for sale at Vaucluse House was read and adopted.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the ceramic vase offered by Miss D. M. Holbrook of Blaxland for exhibition in Vaucluse House be accepted with thanks. Mr. Miller was thanked for bringing the vase to Sydney.

(iv) Mr. Hood informed the meeting that the Police were prohibiting motor vehicle owners from angle parking in Greycliff Avenue and it was resolved that the Superintendent of Traffic be written to urging that angle parking be permitted in this avenue.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that the sum of three pounds sixteen shillings (£3/16/-) be paid to R. Clarke to recoup him for parts supplied by him for the Garden spray built by him for use in Vaucluse Park.

(vi) Consideration was given to the suggestion made in the Gardeners report of 12/10/52 that the lawn border near one of the large magnolia trees be kerbed and it was resolved that the suggestion be not adopted at present.

(vii) The use of Family Season Tickets at the Nielsen Park Dressing Sheds was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Foreman and Sheds Manager that in future only children of the ticket holder under 15 years of age were to be admitted on a Family Season Ticket.

(viii) With regard to the Gardeners report in connection with the Wistaria Mr. Wurth informed the meeting that he would arrange for a competent person from the Botanic Gardens to inspect the vine.

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SECRETARY H. W. Wurth CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of budiness on 30/9/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since September meeting to the value of £410/4/11 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £634/7/3 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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SECRETARY John M. F. Hatten CHAIRMAN Wallace P. Smith

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 9th November, 1952 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th October, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Nicholls seconded by Mr. Halbert.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, the following officers were elected for the year ending October, 1953:

President	Mr. S. H. Wilson,
Vice President	Mr. W. C. Wurth,
Secretary	Mr. C. F. Nathan,
Treasurer	Mr. H. J. Halbert,
Publicity Officer	Mr. S. H. Wilson,
Nielsen Park Sub-Committee	The President ex Officio, Messrs. Halbert, McGrath, Miller and Hood.
Vaucluse House and Park Sub-Committee	The President ex Officio, Messrs. Nicholls, Kelly, Wurth and Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Grazcos Co-operative Limited (7/10/52) forwarding receiving weights for wool from the Trusts thirteen sheep delivered to them on 17/9/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Auditor General (8/10/52) forwarding copy of his report to the Colonial Treasurer and the Minister for Lands on the audit of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1952, was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board of N. S. W. (14/10/52) intimating that the Board can undertake the work of repairing the jetty at Nielsen Park at an estimated cost of sixty five pounds (£65) whilst performing other repairs in the vicinity within the next two months was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Director, Australian War Memorial, Canberra (1/10/52) asking that the silver bugle or trumpet presented to the Soudan Contingent which is at present in Vaucluse House be transferred to the War Memorial and letter from Mitchell Librarian (23/10/52) agreeing to the request were read.
On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. W. McGrath, it was resolved that the necessary action be now taken to hand over the bugle.

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CHAIRMAN [signature] SECRETARY [signature]

CORRES-PONDENCE: (CONT.)

(v) Letter from Secretary, Maritime Services Board (21/10/52) requesting that steps be taken to comply with Clauses 16, 17 and 18 of the tenancy agreement granted to the Trust in respect of the bathing enclosure at Shark Bay was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Wurth.

(vi) Letter from Mrs. D. Annabel (27/10/52) inviting attention to the state of the roof of No. 3 Pavilion at Nielsen Park occupied by Maroubra Methodist P. & F. Association on 25/10/52 and asking that a reduction be made in the rent charged(£3/15/-) was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the balance of rent (£2/15/-) be remitted, that the offer of Mr. Nicholls to endeavour to secure suitable iron for the roof of the Pavilion be agreed to; and if the iron is obtained screws and washers instead of nails be used to fasten it on.

(vii) Communication from Lands Department (31/10/52) intimating that £781 portion of annual grant towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was paid into the Commonwealth Savings Bank on 31/10/52 was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) The Chairman (Mr. Wurth) informed the meeting of the advice given him by the Director of the National Art Gallery of N. S. W. regarding prices submitted by Miss Brahe, Mr. Setelijk and Mr. Smith for carrying out the work of restoring and repairing certain paintings in Vaucluse House.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that when the work of reconditioning the painting "Wife and Family of Captain John Piper" is completed by Mr. Setelijk the remainder of the work be carried out as funds permit.

(ii) Quote(£18/4/-) obtained from Armstrong Glass Pty. Ltd. for supplying nine panes of glass to replace broken panes in the Glass House in Vaucluse Park was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the quote be accepted.

(iii) Schedules submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in November, 1952, i.e. from 19/11/52 were approved.

(iv) A suggestion of the Secretary, that future supplies of Pictorial Souvenirs of Vaucluse House be printed in Book Form instead of folder form was considered.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the suggestion be agreed to but Mr. Wurth is first of all to ascertain whether the Souvenirs at present being sold can be sold free of Sales Tax.

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CHAIRMAN: S. Wurth SECRETARY:

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(v) The Chairman read a report (3/11/52) received by him from the Assistant Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens regarding his inspection of the Wistaria Vines at Vaucluse House and it was resolved that the advice given by Mr. McIndoe be followed.

At the suggestion of Mr. Nicholls, it was decided that enquiries be made regarding the effect of mixing two or more of the fertilisers it was proposed to use together.

(vi) The Secretary having reported that boys had removed the ornamental iron work from the stone wall at the Olola Avenue entrance to Vaucluse Park it was agreed that Mr. Halbert inspect the damage to see whether the ironwork could be re-erected.

(vii) A request by the Head Gardener (J. Reynolds) that the exterior of the cottage occupied by him in Vaucluse Park be painted was considered and it was resolved that Mr. Reynolds be informed that the necessary work would be carried out when finances permit.

(viii) The question of closing the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park when the weather was bad was discussed and it was resolved that on such days the Sheds Manager report to Mr. Halbert or in his absence the Secretary who would decide what was to be done

(ix) On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Nicholls it was resolved that persons unable to rent a pavilion at Nielsen Park and who wished to do so be permitted to erect one or more tents in the Park provided they pay two guineas (£2/2/-) for a medium tent and four guineas (£4/4/-) for a large one, the tents to be erected where directed by Mr. Halbert (or in his absence by the Secretary, the tent to be erected and dismantled on the same day. Generally the owners to observe any conditions laid down by Mr. Halbert or the Secretary, regarding the use to which the tent is put.

(x) At the suggestion of Mr. Hood, it was resolved that the Transport authorities be asked to run express omnibus services to and from Vaucluse Park and Nielsen Park gates and Macquarie Street, City on fine Sundays and Public Holidays during the summer months.

(xi) The meeting confirmed previous decisions that whenever it was at all possible all goods required by the Trust be obtained through the Government Stores Departments.

(xii) The painting of the Vaucluse Park Kiosk was discussed and it was resolved that the colours cheme be left to Mr. Halbert to decide and instruct the Painter accordingly.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since October meeting to the value of £432/18/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £645/7/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

This is Page Three of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 9th November, 1952 at 10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: [signature]

SECRETARY: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 14th December, 1952 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
N. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous (Annual) meeting held on the 9th November, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wurth.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Chief of Division of Wood Technology, Forestry Commission (12/11/52) reporting result of examination of North American Poplars which are dying in Vaucluse Park was read and received.

(ii) Letter from A. S. Boulton, Lane, Rex & Co., Solicitors, Sydney (26/11/52) regarding an incident in which their client Robert Renof was involved at Nielsen Park on 15/11/52 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Solicitors be written to in terms of the letter drafted by the Crown Solicitor as rewritten by Mr. Miller.

(iii) Letter from James Carter & Son, Crows Nest (1/12/52) offering to supply three thousand (3,000) Forest Oak Shingles delivered at Crows Nest at thirteen pounds (£13) a thousand was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the quote be accepted subject to the Trustees employees being satisfied with the quality of the shingles.

(iv) Correspondence with Department of Government Transport regarding the Omnibus Service to and from Nielsen & Vaucluse Parks was read and the action taken by the President confirmed.

(v) Copy of correspondence regarding the ferry service to and from Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the Company be thanked for their letter and suggesting they operate the service on week days during school holidays whilst the public patronage justified continuence.

(vi) Letter from Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd., (2/12/52) advising the ferry time table which will operate, weather and other circumstances permitting, between Circular Quay and Nielsen Park during December, 1952 and January, 1953 was read and noted.

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SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN [illegible]

CORRES-PONDENCE: (CONT.)

(vii) Letter from Stowe Electric Pty., Ltd., (8/12/52) respecting the electrical work carried out by them at Vaucluse House at a cost of £196/5/10 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the account be now paid.

(viii) Letter from Maritime Services Board (10/12/52) intimating that the Board is prepared to carry out additional repairs to the Jetty at Nielsen Park at an estimated cost of £90 more or less was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that estimate be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Consideration was given to the claim (£11/9/11) lodged by the Misses Y. Becker and V. Kelso for the loss of two frocks and one jacket which they allege were stolen from a cubicle hired by them at Nielsen Park on 9/11/52.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that investigation be made to ascertain whether the lock on the cubicle was defective, and when repairs were effected. The matter to be left to the President to negoltiate.

(ii) Account Sales from Grazcos Co-operative Limited showing that wool sold by them from the Trusts thirteen sheep realised £37/1/6 net was read and noted.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that when a person wished to rent a pavilion and none was available the Secretary be empowered tp inform the person that they could rent not more than three summer houses with the right to bring into the park a truck or lorry, to unload provisions etc. The maximum fee to be £10.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that in future a charge of 2/- be made for uncovered tables in Nielsen Park.

It was also resolved that the present charges for inside tables and for Summer Houses be increased as follows:

Tables in Pavilions.

Present Charges: 2/- a day. New Charges: 4/- a day.

Summer Houses.

Present Charges: 3/- a day (not divided - seat 8 people)
2/6 " " (2 divisions - seat 40 people)
2/- " " (4 divisions - seat 24 people)

New Charges: 5/- a day
5/- for each division
2/6 " " "

(v) The President addressed the meeting regarding the present and likely future state of the finances of the Trust and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved (a) that the President confer with the Trusts tenants regarding the rents paid by them and (b) that he investigate the question of reducing the Trusts permanent staff and employing casual labour if and when required.

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SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN: [signature]

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 29/11/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £479/5/- in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £648/-/1 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.

This is Page Three of the Minutes of the Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 14th December, 1952 at 10 a.m.

SECRETARY [illegible] CHAIRMAN [illegible]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 11th January, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th December, 1952, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Communication from Department of Lands (22/12/52) intimating that £1562 has been deposited in the Commonwealth Savings Bank towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Commissioner for Government Tram & Omnibus Services (23/12/52) regarding the various requests made by the Trust for transport facilities to Nielsen & Vaucluse Parks was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the letter be acknowledged and the Commissioner thanked.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The President infoemed the meeting that since the last meeting when the charges for tables in pavilions were increased from 2/- to 4/- it had been found that the public was not hiring tables to the usual extent. After conferring with Messrs. Halbert and McGrath he had reduced the charge to 2/6.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, the President's action was confirmed.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that another twelve sheep be purchased but that in the first instance certain inquiries be made by Messrs. Wurth and Miller.

(iii) Mr. Miller raised the question whether it would be advisable to allow persons to purchase season tickets for the Dressing Sheds and swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park for periods less than from October to April and after discussion it was decided that the matter be considered prior to the opening of next swimming season.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/12/52 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £687/15/8 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £921/2/8 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

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SECRETARY: Chas. F. Nathan - CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

The Secretary's suggestion that a sign board bearing the words "To Historic Vaucluse House" be erected on the footpath at the Omnibus stop on the beach paddock side of Wentworth Road was approved. It was also decided that a suitable signboard be erected on the park boundary on the opposite side of the road.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and approval given to the purchase of the seeds recommended by him. It was also decided that in future Frank Irvine, Ranger, Nielsen Park was to inspect the Acto Lawn Mower at Vaucluse Park every month and also give regular attention to the Motor Truck owned by the Trust.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

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SECRETARY: Edward F. Nathan CHAIRMAN:

HILLSTON-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 8th February, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr. W. P. McGrath and Mr. G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11/1/1953 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from State Crown Solicitor (21/1/53) advising the Trustees regarding rentals paid by certain of their employees who occupy premises on the Trust property was read.

On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the letter be received and noted.

(ii) Letter from Director, Australian War Memorial, (22/1/53) advising that he has now received safely in Canberra the trumpet which was used by the Soudan Contingent was read and noted.

(iii) Letter (2/2/53) addressed to the President by Mr. H. H. McNall, Co-Trustee of the estate of the late Mrs. A. H. Gillies inquiring whether the Trustees would be prepared to accept certain old English furniture, china, etc. for exhibition in Vaucluse House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Mr. McNall be thanked and that the matter be left in the hands of the President, Mr. Wurth.

(iv) Report of Chief Botanist and Curator, Botanic Gardens (5/ /53) upon the subject of tree planting in Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Curator be thanked for his report and that the matter stand over until funds and labour are available.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Report of Secretary (12/1/53) regarding the cost of painting the Vaucluse Park Kiosk was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that an account be sent to Mr. McCole for £45.

(ii) Notice received from Valuer General of the valuation of the Wharf at Nielsen Park was read and noted.

(iii) Notice received from Valuer General of the valuation of the Wharf at Nielsen Park was read and noted.

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SECRETARY Chas F. Nathan. CHAIRMAN Walter C. Wurth

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(iv) It was resolved that the question of renewing the roof of the "Silver and China" Room in Vaucluse House receive early consideration.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that a hedge (Photenia Glabra Rubrena) be planted along the iron fence in the lower portion of the garden at Vaucluse Park.

(vi) The President read to the meeting a minute (4/2/53) he had addressed to the Secretary regarding the working conditions of the Trusts employees.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, the President's action was endorsed.

(vii) Mr. Halbert informed the meeting that Mrs. P. Roche, tenant of the Steel Point Cottage, had purchased a refrigerator and had asked whether the Trust would have a power point put in for her.

On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that authority be given Mrs. Roche to have a power point put in the cottage at her own expense and that whilst the rents of premises occupied by their tenants remain at their present rates only the most essential structural repairs to buildings be carried out by the Trust.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of £343/E/7 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £654/10/8 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.35.

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SECRETARY: Chas. H. Nathan CHAIRMAN: Wallace C Wurth

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, the 8th March, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT: The Chairman informed the meeting of the illness of the President (Mr. S. H. Wilson) and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Wilson conveying the Trustees hopes for Mr. Wilson's early recovery.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8/2/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

[illegible]: (i) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Public Health (12/2/53) asking that the Trust have certain scrub and grass removed along the boundary fence between Nielsen Park and Strickland Convalescent Hospital was read.
On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that as the necessary work had been carried out the letter be received.

(ii) Letter from Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Gas Employees Picnic Committee (24/2/53) regarding the amount six guineas (£6/6/-) charged his Committee for erecting three tents in Nielsen Park on the day of their Picnic was read.
On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that the letter be received.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) A Schedule submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in February, 1953 (i.e. from 25/2/53) was approved.

(ii) The question whether a fee could be charged persons who do not hire pavilions or erect tents and use Nielsen Park for organised picnics was discussed and the Chairman (Mr. Wurth) undertook to look into the matter.

(iii) It was resolved that in future no replacement of any male employee be made without the approval of the Trustees.

(iv) It was resolved that one of the employees at Nielsen Park be instructed to cut the grass in the Vaucluse Park beach paddock and also to remove convolvulus which is destroying several of the trees in Vaucluse Park facing Olola Avenue;

(a) that it should be made clear to the Foreman that he is to carry out the Secretary's instructions.

(b) that when the Secretary had occasion to instruct the Foreman to carry out any work and there was delay in obeying the instructions, the Secretary was immediately to consult Mr. Trustee Halbert and have the matter resolved.

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CHAIRMAN: [illegible] CLERK: Wallace C. Wurth
17/4/53

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(c) that when an employee from Nielsen Park is instructed to carry out duty at Vaucluse House he is to work under the supervision of the Head Gardener unless such work is tradesman's work of carpentry, painting etc.

(v) It was resolved that the matter of placing the goods bequeathed to the Trust by Mrs. Gillies stand over pending the recovery of the President (Mr. Wilson). In the meantime, the Carpenter, as his duties permit, is to carry out any necessary work in re-conditioning the room in which it is proposed to display part of the bequest.

(vi) It was moved by Mr. Nicholls and seconded by Mr. Kelly that during the ensuing winter Mr. Halbert be authorised to have the old laundry at Vaucluse House repaired. Carried.

(vii) Mr. Halbert was authorised to have a path constructed in Nielsen Park during the winter to enable people to have easier access to Mount Trefle.

(viii) Consideration was given to the fee charged for the right to erect tents in Nielsen Park and it was resolved that the fee decided upon at the meeting of the Trust held on 9/11/52 namely £2/2/- for a tent not exceeding 14' x 14' and £4/4/- for a tent exceeding 14' x 14' be adhered to.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since February meeting to the value of £703/17/- in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £657/2/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.

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SECRETARY: [illegible] CHAIRMAN: Wallace E Smith 17/4/53

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 12th April, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Messrs. McGrath and Hood.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th March, 1953, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. (10/3/53) advising that the Ferry Service operated by the Company to Nielsen Park would cease for this season after Monday 6/4/53 and that the Trust would be advised later of the commencing date for next season was read. The Secretary was instructed to express the Trustees appreciation of the service operated this season and to bring the matter up again two months prior to the commencement of next season.

(ii) Letter from Secretary, Department of Government Transport (11/3/53) intimating that with the close of the summer season arrangements had been made to discontinue the Route 321 Express Omnibus service which operates between Eddy Avenue and Parsley Bay on Sundays after completion of operation on Sunday 22/3/53 was read and the correspondence handed to the Vice President to make certain inquiries regarding a suggestion made by Mr. Halbert that in future the omnibuses should not proceed as far as Parsley Bay.

(iii) Letter from Mr. J. Kenny, Daily Telegraph (1/4/53) [illegible] copies of the "Daily Telegraph Guide to Sydney" was read.
On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that Mr. Kenny be thanked for his suggestion and informed that the Trustees regret they are unable to adopt it.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (1) The Resolution adopted at the last meeting (8/3/53)to the effect that in future no replacement of any male employee be made without the approval of the Trustees was discussed and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that no person should be employed and no employee of the Trust be dismissed without the approval of the Trustees except in exceptional circumstances when the President may appoint an employee or dismiss an employee obtaining the approval of his co-trustees as early as possible.

CHAIRMAN: [illegible] SECRETARY: Chas F. Nathan

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONT:)

(ii) The Chairman (Mr. Wurth) explained the circumstances under which Thomas Bell had been appointed Gardeners Labourer, Vaucluse Park and the meeting confirmed the appointment.

(iii) The Chairman informed the meeting that the present Secretary who commenced duty with the Trust on 1/12/46 up to the present had taken no recreation leave. It was resolved thatthe Secretary be allowed three weeks leave each year (in recognition of regular week end and holiday duty). The Trustees decided that he should take a period of leave ~~before~~ the coming off season.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £382/6/7 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £540/5/6 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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Chairman: [signature] Secretary: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 17th May, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
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W. P. McGrath,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Wurth.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12/4/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from General Manager, Government Insurance Office of N. S. W. (17/4/53) regarding the advisability of increasing the amount of the Trust's Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that a tentative cover be taken to double the amount of indemnity under the Common Law provided by the Trust's policy and that the [illegible] insured under the Workers Compensation Act be left in the hands of the President and Vice President.

(ii) Copy of a report (28/4/53) furnished by an Officer of the Division of Wood Technology Forestry Commission, regarding his inspection of Vaucluse House for termite activity was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Secretary and Superintendent, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service (6/5/53) asking for a donation towards the funds of the institution was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that £5/5/- be donated.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Report of Secretary (29/4/53) that it will be necessary to erect newwing fences at the Nielsen Park swimming enclosure prior to the opening of next swimming season was read and approved on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Hood.

(ii) Schedules submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in May, 1953, i.e. from 20/5/53 (inclusive) were approved.

(iii) The suggestions contained in the Secretary's report of 17/5/53 (a) that the flat roof of Vaucluse House be again painted with bituminous paint and (b) that a cover be placed on the chirrey pot to prevent water coming down the chimney of the First bedroom at Vaucluse House were approved.

(iv) The report of the Secretary (17/5/53) to the effect that a portion of the Trusts premises at Nielsen Park had been broken into and certain articles stolen was considered and it was resolved that a burglary Policy be taken out with the Government Insurance Office to cover any further thefts which may occur and that the Police be requested to pay more frequent visits to the Park and its immediate vicinity.

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CHAIRMAN S. H. Wilson SECRETARY Chas. F. Nathan

(v) On the motion of Mr. Halbert seconded by Mr. Nicholls it was resolved that the Gardeners cottage, Vaucluse Park be painted.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that on Coronation night two men be placed at the gate of the road leading from Vaucluse Road to Steel Point; that the gate be locked and that only motor vehicles with persons wishing to visit the Tresillian Home be permitted to enter the gate.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since April meeting to the value of £451/13/8 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £642/14/2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports were read and received.

The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 14th June, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17/5/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hood seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Mr. E. H. Farmer, Government Architects' Branch, Department of Public Works (19/5/53) forwarding details prepared for the display cases in the Servants Waiting Room, Vaucluse House, was read and received. The Carpenter to proceed with work as soon as timber, etc. is available.

(ii) Letter from Mr. L. O. A. McCole (12/6/53) asking for renewal of his leases of the Nielsen and Vaucluse Park Kiosks was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the leases be extended for a further term of five years.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Upon reading the Secretary's report of 14/6/53 on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Cover Note obtained from the Government Insurance Office indemnifying the Trust against liability at Common Law to £4000 per employee and which expires on 30/6/53 be extended for another month for a total sum of £8000.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire at the Government Insurance Office regarding the possibility of joining with other Trusts a Master Policy Plan and also to obtain advice from the Crown Solicitor regarding the Trusts position.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/5/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £387/11/1 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £344/17/7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The Meeting closed at 11.5 a.m.

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SECRETARY: [illegible] CHAIRMAN: [illegible]

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 12th July, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Messrs. W. C. Wurth and G. G. Nicholls.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14/6/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Secretary, Police Department (30/6/53) intimating that arrangements have been made for the Police to pay particular attention to Nielsen Park and its immediate vicinity at night was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Hood it was resolved that the letter be noted.

(ii) Letter from Miss Alma F. G. Alford, Katoomba (7/7/53) offering to present for exhibition in Vaucluse House certain articles (period 1840) was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that Miss Alford be informed that the Trustees have given careful consideration to the matter and regret that as there is no room to properly display the articles in Vaucluse House, they regret they are unable to accept her kind offer.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The question of increasing the amounts of some of the Policies taken out by the Trust with the Government Insurance Office was discussed and on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that further consideration of the matter stand over until next meeting.

(ii) Mr. McGrath raised certain points in regard to the extension of the Leases granted to Mr. L. O. A. McCole and the President undertook to look into the points raised.

(iii) The meeting confirmed the action of the President in appointing G. J. Doyle as a Gardeners Labourer, Vaucluse Park vice Thomas Bell at a wage of £13/4/- a week.

(iv) The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the position of the Trust in regard to the granting of long service leave to its employees and to furnish a report at the next meeting.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since June meeting to the value of £523/15/11 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £589/16/7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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SECRETARY: Chas. F. Nathan PRESIDENT: S. H. Wilson

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 16th August, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. W. P. McGrath.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12/7/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Halbert seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Communication (received 12/8/53) from the Department of Lands intimating that £585 towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park (part supply of annual Grant to 30/9/53) was lodged to the credit of the Trust on 10/8/53 was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Further consideration was given to the question of increasing the amounts of some of the Policies taken out by the Trust with the Government Insurance Office and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Government Insurance Office be asked whether Policy 5560 (Public Liability-Shark Proof Enclosure) £4000 and Policy 3493 Public Liability (Nielsen Park, Vaucluse Park, etc.) £3000 could be increased to £10, 000 in each case and if so what the Premiums would be.

It was also resolved that none of the other policies held by the Trust be increased at present.

(ii) The Secretary submitted a report regarding the position of the Trust in connection with the granting of long service leave to its employees.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the provisions of Section 88C of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-51 (Incorporated) as amended by the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act 1952, be adopted in respect of all employees of the Trust other than casual or part time employees.

(iii) A Schedule submitted by the Secretary showing Award and/or Basic Wage increases due to employees as from the first full pay period in August, 1943 (i.e. from 25/8/53) was approved.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since July meeting to the value of £685/6/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £842/4/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The Meeting closed at 10.38 p.m.

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SECRETARY: [signature] CHAIRMAN: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 13th September, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Nicholls. On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, leave of absence for a visit overseas was extended to Mr. McGrath for three months.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th August, 1953, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Secretary, Police Department, (26/8/53) intimating that necessary Police assistance will be provided at Vaucluse Park during the Wistaria Season was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Secretary, Department of Government Transport (4/9/53) regarding transport facilities during the Wistaria Season at Vaucluse Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Premier and Acting Minister for Transport be written to in suitable terms urging that supplementary transport facilities be provided between Nielsen-Vaucluse Park and Central Railway during the swimming season commencing on Sunday, 4th October, 1953.

(iii) Letter from Crown Solicitor (7/9/53) regarding the preparation of Leases of Refreshment Kiosks in Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Government Insurance Office (7/9/53) advising the Annual Premiums to be paid if Public Liability Policies No. 5560 and No. 4393 are increased to £10, 000 in each case was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that Public Liability Policies No. 5560 and No. 4393 be increased to £10, 000 in each case but that the limit of liability in respect of claims for Fire, Flood and Explosion remain £1000 as before.

With regard to the Proposal Form forwarded for completion it was resolved that the Manager of the Government Insurance Office be asked whether the indemnity set out on the back of the Form (2) could be altered to read "Through any defects in the premises, ways, works, buildings, structures, machinery or plant used by the proposer or any tenant invitee or licensee of or from the proposer in such business or trade or owned by or under the control of the Trust.

(v) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. (8/9/53) forwarding time table of ferry service to Nielsen Park during the coming season was read and noted.

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CHAIRMAN: S. H. Wilson SECRETARY: Chas. F. Nathan

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Further consideration was given to the question raised by Mr. Miller at meeting held on 11/1/53 whether it would be advisable to allow persons to purchase season tickets for the Dressing Sheds and Swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park for periods less than from October to April.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that monthly tickets be issued for ten shillings (10/-) a month for Adults and 5/- a month for children.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that in future season tickets (October to April) be charged for as follows:

Double (Man and wife, only).....£3. -. -
Single (Adult)..... 2. -. -
Child..... -.12. 6

(iii) It was decided that the custom of keeping one of the larger pavilions at Nielsen for the use of persons wishing to book tables on Sundays be continued for the present.

(iv) The Secretary's suggestion that ten or eleven of the Trusts older sheep be sold if so advised by the Division of Animal Industry, Agriculture Department, was approved.

(v) The Secretary's Report regarding rubbish deposited on the boundary of Vaucluse Park was considered and Mr. Hood undertook to arrange for an officer of the Woollahra Council to report what could be done to improve matters.

(vi) The flowering annuals which the Head Gardener suggested be planted for next summer were approved.

(vii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that four well grown Wistaria Plants be purchased now (if still available) and that a further six plants be purchased in March next.

(viii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the amount of four guineas (£4/4/-) owing to the Trust by the Maritime Services Board Employees Picnic Committee and the amount of three pounds five shillings (£3/5/-) owing by R. Waterworth, St. Phillips Sunday School, Eastwood, be waived.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £440/12/6 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £514/11/11 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The Meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN: [signature] SECRETARY: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 11th October, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr. A. H. Hood and Mr. E. S. Miller.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13/9/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Wilson was elected President and Publicity Officer and on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the following Officers were elected for the year ending October, 1954:-

Vice President.....Mr. W. C. Wurth,
Secretary.....Mr. C. F. Nathan,
Treasurer.....Mr. H. J. Halbert,
Nielsen Park Sub-Committee:
The President - ex officio,
Messrs. Halbert, McGrath,
Miller and Hood.
Vaucluse House and Park
Sub-Committee:
The President - ex-officio
Messrs. Nicholls, Kelly,
Wurth and Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Miss N. Woodhouse, Home Gardener for Station 2 Z B, Wellington, N.Z. (13/9/53) regarding a broadcast on Vaucluse House and Gardens made by her on 18/8/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Minister for Lands (24/9/53) regarding the report furnished to him on the activities of the Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust for the year ended 30/6/53 was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Auditor General (22/9/53) reporting result of the audit of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30/6/53 was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Director, The N.Z. & Australian Hotel Guides (29/9/53) inquiring whether the Trustees of Vaucluse House would care to take space in the Guide to publicise the House was read.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the Trustees cannot see their way to take space in the Guide at present.

(v) Letter from General Manager, Government Insurance Office of N. S. W. (29/9/53) regarding the Trustees desire to increase the limit of liability of Public Liability Insurance - Pol. 5560 and P.L. 4393 - to £10, 000 in each case was read.

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CHAIRMAN: S. H. Wilson SECRETARY: C. F. Nathan

CORRESPONDENCE: (CONT.)

(v) On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that an offer of Mr. Wurth's to have the matter discussed with the Government Insurance Office be accepted with thanks.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Department of Government Transport (6/10/53) intimating that the Express Omnibus Service between Eddy Avenue and Vaucluse on Sundays would be reintroduced from Sunday, 25th October, 1953, was read and noted. The Trustees' thanks to be conveyed to the Secretary of the Department.

(vii) Letter from Maritime Services Board (8/10/53) was read requesting that the following repairs be carried out to the landing steps on the eastern side of the ferry jetty at Nielsen Park:-

Renew the centre of landing steps
1/11' x 12" x 6"
Renew the chock behind fenders
1/4' x 14" x 12"

On the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Maritime Services Board be asked to quote a price for the work.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) The Secretary was instructed to prepare a statement showing the duties carried out by the employees at Nielsen Park during last summer and winter and the time occupied by each employee in performing each job.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that notice boards be erected in certain positions at Nielsen Park indicating the prices at which Season Tickets may be purchased.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Stonemason be instructed to improve the stone border of that portion of the garden at Vaucluse Park opposite the door of the Trustees Room.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since September meeting to the value of £435/9/2 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £543/7/3 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

This is Page Two of the Minutes of the Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 11th October, 1953 at 10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: [signature] SECRETARY: [signature]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 8th November, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Messrs. Wurth and Hood.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11/10/53 were confirmed on the notion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Mrs. J. McNall, (20/10/53) conveying her and her husband's thanks for their visit to Vaucluse House on Sunday, 18/10/53 when they inspected the articles bequeathed to the Trust by the late Dr. Sinclair Gillies and Mrs. Gillies of whose estates Mr. McNall was an executor was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Acting Secretary, Maritime Services Board (21/10/53) intimating that the Board is prepared to undertake the work of repairing the landing steps of the jetty at Nielsen Park at a cost of £28 more or less was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the offer be accepted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. F. Fleming, Bronte (24/10/53) asking for permission to operate a model train in Nielsen Park to pay rent for the privilege and donate a percentage of the profits to charity was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the application be refused.

(iv) Letter from Hon. Secretary, National Gallery of N. S. W. (27/10/53) thanking the Trust for lending the Society the painting of "The Piper Family" by Richard Read was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Mr. A. Peters, Olympic Studio, 80 Hunter Street, Sydney (3/11/53) offering to pay £25 for the exclusive right to take photographs in Nielsen Park for a period of twelve months was read.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded byMr. Nicholls, it was resolved that the application be approved subject to legal advice being obtained regarding the agreement to be entered into.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The employment (from 3/11/53) of J. A. Brown, as Gardener's Labourer, Vaucluse Park, vice J. Dorahy, resigned, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

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CHAIRMAN: S H Wilson SECRETARY: Chas. F. Nathan

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(ii) It was resolved that the service which supplies water to the premises of which Jones Stewart is the tenant be improved by installing a new pipe line.

(iii) Mr. Trustee Halbert pointed out that the mens swimming costumes at Nielsen Park were worn out and the Secretary was instructed to obtain quotes for the supply of six dozen new pairs of mens trunks.

(iv) It was resolved that the shelter shed on the jetty at Nielsen Park be painted and that it be left to the President and Mr. Trustee Halbert to decide what colours were to be used in painting the structure.

(v) The matter of painting the exterior of the Steel Point Cottage was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain the amount of paint required for the job and its approximate cost.

(vi) The question of decorating Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Park on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Sydney was brought up and it was resolved that endeavours be made to borrow flags and bunting from the Public Works Department. It was suggested that perhaps Mr. Trustee Wurth may be able to assist in securing the required flags, etc.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since October meeting to the value of £365/7/1 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £327/10/3 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardeners report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.22 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN: _____ SECRETARY: Thos. F. Hatton

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 13th December, 1953 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
G. G. Nicholls,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

Prior to the commencement of business the President, on behalf of himself and co-Trustees, congratulated Mr. Hood on his re-election as an alderman for the Municipality of Woollahra.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8/11/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: 2(i) Letter from Trust Officer, Perpetual Trustee (Limited) (13.11.53) [illegible] cost of preparing a room in Vaucluse House to display the china, etc. bequeathed to the Trust by the late Mrs. A. M. Gillies was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Hon. Secretary, Nielsen Park Life Saving Club (22/11/53) reporting that owing to the non-attendance of members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Nielsen Park on 22/11/53 the Club was called upon to provide first aid to many persons and asking that the Trust help the Club to re-stock its first aid kit was read.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the Secretary be informed that the St. John Ambulance Brigade has undertaken to restock the Club's kit.

(iii) A circular letter from Grazcos Co-operative Ltd. [illegible] noted.

(iv) [illegible] Under Secretary, Department of Lands (27/11/53) intimating that the total grant to the Trust for the current financial year amounts to £2900 representing an increase of £557 on the annual grant 1952-53 was readn and noted.

The Secretary was instructed to thank the Department for the increase in the grant. Mr. Trustee Wurth was thanked for the steps taken by him to secure the increase.

(v) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (30/11/53) asking for the views of the Trustees on representations made to the Department by the Australian Tramway and Motor Omnibus Employees' Association regarding charges made for facilities at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Secretary draft a letter to the Department and show it to Mr. Wurth before despatching it.

(vi) Letter from Department of Lands (3/12/53) intimating that £2315 has been deposited in the C'wealth Savings Bank towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Parks was read and noted.

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(vii) Letter from Australian Workers Union [illegible] of members of the Union employed by the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the matter be placed in the hands of Mr. Wurth, who will have it looked into.

(viii) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd., (1/12/53) advising the ferry time table [illegible] the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods, 1953-54 and intimating that ferry service will run on ordinary week days during [illegible] be asked to reconsider its decision by running a ferry to Nielsen Park one trip a day.

(ix) Letter from H. J. Sippe & Co., Ltd. [illegible] heavily jet beaded gardient as worn by elderly ladies in the time of Wentworth was read.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that Mr. Hood inspect the article and if satisfied accept it on gehalf of the Trust.

GENERAL MATTERS:

(i) Statement prepared by the Secretary (12/11/53) [illegible] during the financial years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 and the amount of wages paid by the Trust to its employees during each of those years was read and noted.

(ii) Report of Secretary (13/11/53) regarding the question of disposing of eleven of the Trusts sheep which are over five years of age was read and on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Nicholls, it was resolved that eleven of the older sheep be sold and that they be replaced later by the purchase of lambs.

(iii) Report of Secretary (26/11/53) regarding the purchase of swimming trunks was read and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the action of Mr. Halbert, in purchasing four dozen costumes be confirmed.

(iv) Statement showing the duties carried out by employees at Nielsen Park during last summer and winter and the time occupied by each employee in performing each duty was read.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by [illegible] chase goods up to the value of five pounds in cases of emergency.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by [illegible] Nielsen Park be painted white.

(vii) It was resolved that no fee be charged for parking in the beach paddock (Vaucluse Bay) at present.

(viii) It was resolved that Mr. McNall be thanked [illegible] to the Trusts gardener.

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[illegible]: 9/1/54 [illegible]: Edward F. Hallstrom

(ix) In view of reports furnished regarding the holding of [illegible] it was resolved that Mr. McCole be requested to see that the gate is locked every time one of his vehicles enters or leaves the park.

It was also resolved that a notice be erected at the gate prohibiting the entry of vehicles.

(x) It was resolved that the By-laws for the management of Nielsen Park be amended to provide a penalty of ten pounds (£10) for any person found in the Park after twelve midnight.

(xi) Mr. Nicholls informed the meeting that as he will reach the retiring age nearly next month this would be the last meeting he would attend.

The President expressed regret that the [illegible] association with the Trust and extended to Mr. Nicholls on behalf of himself and colleagues their best of wishes.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since November meeting to the [illegible] of £617/15/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to [illegible] of £617/15/3 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

[illegible] REPORT: The Gardeners report was read and received.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

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NIELSEN -VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 10th January, 1954 at 10 a.m.

Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

An apology was received from Mr. J. A. Kelly.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13/12/53 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Miller.

(i) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. (23/12/53) intimating that the Company is unable to alter its decision not to run ferries to Nielsen Park during the school holidays was read.

The President pointed out that it was the desire of the Trustees that the Secretary should draft a letter to the Ferry Company and show it to Mr. Wurth before despatch. This had not been done and Mr. Wurth undertook to make further representations in an endeavour to induce the Company to alter its decision.

(ii) Letter from Sydney Representative, Young Australia League (21/12/53) intimating that parties of Interstate children will visit Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park on the 1st, 4th and 5th January, 1954 was read and noted.

(i) It was resolved that the Department of Lands be asked through Mr. Wurth to furnish the Trust with a list giving the names of all the Trustees appointed to the Trust since its creation and the dates of their appointments.

It was also resolved that a record be kept in the Trust Office showing the above information and the various offices held by each Trustee during the period he held office.

(ii) The retirement of Mr. Trustee Nicholls on 6/1/54 and the early retirement of Mr. Trustee Halbert under the provisions of the "Trustees of Public Reserves (Limitation of Numbers and Retirement Act) 1941 was discussed and on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that a letter be drafted by the Secretary pointing out the valuable services rendered by Messrs. Nicholls and Halbert to the Trust and urging that the Act be amended to permit these two Trustees to continue in office for a further period.

Mr. Miller undertook to draft a suggested Clause to amend the abovementioned Act.

When approved the letter to the Lands Department is to be handed to the Hon. A. Lander, M.L.A.

It was also resolved that, in the meantime, Mr. Nicholls be asked to accept an appointment as Councillor with the right to attend meetings of the Trust and take part in the discussions without power of voting. Further, he should be vested with authority to enforce the By-laws for the management of the Park under Clause 38 of such By-laws.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(iii) The Secretary was instructed to ascertain and let Mr. Wurth know how much money has been spent on repairs, etc. to the Nielsen Park wharf each year over recent years.

(iv) Mr. Hood reported that he had inspected the garment which G. H. Sippe & Co., Ltd. had offered to present to the Trust and thought that it would be worth exhibiting in Vaucluse House.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the firm accepting the gift and conveying the Trustees thanks.

(v) On the recommendation of Mr. Halbert it was resolved that five gallons of ready mixed paint be purchased to paint the railings on the Nielsen Park wharf.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/12/53 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £467/13/2 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £905/2/2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received was approved.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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J. C. Wilson : Edward F. Braithwaite

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday the 14th February, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
H. J. Halbert,
J. A. Kelly,
L. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
J. P. Lahlan. (Secretary.)

Mr. F. G. Nicholls also attended the meeting as Councilor.

An apology was received from Mr. Le Gay Brereton.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10/1/1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Halbert.

(i) Letter from General Manager, Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. (7/1/54) inviting attention to the provisions of the Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1953 and intimating that the Trust's Policy with his office has been extended by reason of the Amendment Act to provide indemnity against any additional liability prescribed by the amendments was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Winchcombe Carson Limited (15/1/54) forwarding account sales of eleven of the Trusts sheep sold on 14/1/54 was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. F. G. Nicholls (19/1/54) accepting appointment as Councilor to the Trust was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Mr. W. Hunter, Secretary, Norman Church of Christ Bible School (20/1/54) intimating that as the Transport Department cannot make omnibus available on 6/2/54 they will not be able to hold a picnic at Nielsen Park. He has already paid a deposit of one pound and asks whether any further charge will be made.

On the motion of Mr. Halbert, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that under the circumstances the one pound (£1) paid by Mr. Hunter be refunded to him.

(v) Letter from Managing Director, Servit (Aust.) Pty., Ltd. (27/1/54) inquiring whether the Trustees would permit the Company to instal machines in Nielsen Park on certain conditions was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that application be refused.

(vi) Letter from Secretary, Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board (28/1/54) asking whether the Trust would be willing to accept a debit of forty-eight pounds (£48) for work carried out by the Board's employees in connection with a sewer blockage in Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Halbert, it was resolved that the Board be informed that the blockage referred to occurred in a portion of the sewer used exclusively by the Vaucluse House and that under the circumstances the Trustees suggest that an account be submitted by the Board to the Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies, Scottish House, Pitt & Hunter Streets, Sydney.

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Chas. H. Wilson

(vii) Letter from Mrs. Nelson Smith, Hon. Secretary, Central Enfield Old Age and Invalid Pensioners Association (29/1/54) inquiring whether the Trust would give them the use of a Pavilion and piano free of cost on the 16th or 23rd March, 1954 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was resolved that Mrs. Smith be informed that the Trustees are unable to let her have the use of a pavilion free of cost but they are prepared to make a reduction of 25% in the rent of the pavilion and make no charge for the use of the piano.

(viii) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty., Ltd. (2/2/54) intimating that owing to the dangerous condition of the wharf at Nielsen Park his Company is reluctantly compelled to discontinue the ferry service until repairs have been effected was read.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the action taken by the President and Mr. Halbert in arranging for the Architects Services Board to carry out necessary essential repairs be confirmed.

(ix) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (5/2/54) enclosing copy of letter addressed to the Australian Tramway and Motor Omnibus Employees Association regarding charges made by the Trust for facilities at Nielsen Park was read and noted.

(x) Letter from Branch Secretary, N.S.W. Branch, Australian Workers Union (10/2/54) asking that a date be fixed on which the Union could confer with the Trust in regard to the terms of an Industrial Agreement to cover employees of the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the President confer with the officials of the Union at a date and place to be agreed upon. Mr. Smith undertook to arrange for one of his officers to be present at the conference to assist the President.

(xi) Letter from Mr. Trustee Eric Miller, C.C. (10/2/54) forwarding draft letter to Mr. A. Landa, M.L.A. asking for his assistance in obtaining an extension of the appointment of Mr. H. J. Halbert as a Trustee of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust was read.

After discussion Mr. Miller undertook to re-draft the letter and amending clause. The Secretary to write to the Minister for Lands and Mr. Landa, M.L.A.

(i) The Secretary reported that the glass roof of No. 3 Pavilion had been badly damaged and it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the President Mr. Halbert.

(ii) The Secretary was instructed to have a statement prepared showing how many season tickets for the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park have been issued during the last four seasons.

(iii) It was resolved that the roof of No. 3 Pavilion at Nielsen Park be painted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: CONT.

(iv) It was resolved that a record be kept of all overtime worked by P. Irvine at Nielsen Park and that the number of hours worked be added to his annual holidays.

(v) The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Government Insurance Office whether it would be possible to secure a policy covering damage done to the Trusts property by vandals.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/1/54 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of £400/3/1 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £612/10/7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.25 a.m.

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(viii) Communication from (illegible) Co-operative Wholesale Society Account Sales for wool sold on behalf of the Trust and cheque for £[illegible] being net proceeds of the sale were read and noted.

(ix) Letter from J. Reynolds, Gardener, Vaucluse Trust, (11/5/24) asking whether the Trust would purchase a new sink and dresser for the cottage occupied by him was read.

On the motion of Mr. Mowatt, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that in view of the present state of the finances and the fact that Mr. Reynolds only pays a rent of 10/- a week the Trustees are unable to accede to his request, but have no objection to the sink and dresser being installed at his expense.

(x) Letter from Secretary, Position Vacant Committee, Ladies (11/5/24) thanking the Trust for the assistance given to Miss Robb of Position Vacant Office early on the day and evening of the Queen's arrival was read and noted.

(xi) Letter from Mrs. P. Roche, Steel Point, Vaucluse (dated 11/1/24) but received (12/5/24) requiring information with the Trust was read.

On the motion of Mr. Barth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Mrs. Roche be informed that the Trustees are not aware of any Agreement of the nature referred to having been entered into. As not satisfied with present arrangements it is open to Mrs. Roche to relinquish her work with the Trust and vacate the cottage occupied by her at Steel Point.

(i) Statement showing how many season tickets for the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park were issued during the last four seasons was read and noted.

(ii) The President (Mr. Wilson) advised the Trustees of the result of the conference he had on 9/5/24 with a representative of the Australian Workers Union regarding the proposal that the Trust enter into an agreement with the Union in respect of certain of the Trust employees.

(iii) On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Barth, it was resolved that it be recommended to the Minister for Lands that Mr. Golden Parker, Inspector to the Trust, be appointed a Trustee vice Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, retired.

(iv) On the motion of Mr. Barth, seconded by Mr. Mowatt it was resolved that eight tons of coal be purchased from J. A. Arnall & Co., Pty., Ltd. at £3/10/- a ton.

(v) In view of representations made by the Secretary, Position Vacant Committee for the welfare of Ladies employed at the Trust Office, Steel Point, it was resolved that an officer of Mr. Hood to have an interview with the Local Council's engineer, a report obtained as to what alterations would be necessary and whether the Council could supply the water which is now fed with bores.

(vi) It was resolved that prior to the posting of the public notice a letter be prepared for the signature of the Minister welcoming such Authority to the Local Municipality.

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Edwin F. Hattam

(xvi) On the retirement of the President, Mr. [illegible], it was proposed that an invitation be extended to Mr. [illegible] to retire on a similar basis to those extended to [illegible] and to attend meetings of the Board and take part in the discussions, but not to vote. [illegible]

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on [illegible] was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since the last meeting to the value of £[illegible] in the case of Victoria Section and the value of £[illegible] in the case of Malvern Section were ratified.

The Secretary's report (3) was read and received.

The auditor's report was read and received.

The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN: [signature] SECRETARY: Thomas F. Hathaway

HELLS'H -VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th April, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
M. C. Wurth,
J. A. Kelly,
M. P. McGrath,
L. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

Messrs. G. G. Nicholls and H. J. Halbert were also present as Councillors.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14/3/1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRES-PONDENCE: (i) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (22/3/1954) acknowledging receipt of the Trusts recommendation that Mr. Cohden Parkes be appointed a Trustee, vice Mr. G. G. Nicholls, retired, was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Central District Secretary, Australian Workers Union (8/4/54) asking for a further conference with the Trust regarding the terms of an Agreement under the Industrial Arbitration Act to cover employees of the Trust was read and it was resolved that it be left to the President to arrange for the Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) The Secretary's report (11/4/54) on Mrs. Fergsons complaint regarding the conduct of J. Stewart towards her was read and noted.

(ii) The Secretary's report (11/4/54) that he had accepted two beaded candle shades and stands of brass and an old matinee jacket from Mrs. Mathew of Billong Avenue, Vaucluse, and also an antique French Clock from Mr. F. F. Nant of Wentworth Road, Vaucluse, was read and noted.

(iii) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the undermentioned work be carried out at Vaucluse House and Park:-

Guttering. (a) On stairway shelter on flat roof of Vaucluse House (b) on roof of passage way in Court Yard the guttering to be of copper.

Painting. (a) Galvanised iron roof of stairway shelter on flat roof of Vaucluse House.
(b) Galvanised iron roof on portion of Vaucluse House.
(c) Tow posts and other wood work at creek near stables.
(d) Several garden seats.
(e) Some of the notice boards.

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MINUTES: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/1954 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £385/13/11 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £518/9/6 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

(iii) The financial position of the Trust was discussed and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath it was resolved that the Lands Department and the Treasury be written to by the President in an endeavour to obtain a further grant of £500 for the present financial year. Mr. Wurth undertook to draft suitable letters.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

The Gardeners report was read and received.

The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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Thos. F. Wattworth

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th May, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

Messrs. G. G. Nicholls and H. J. Halbert were also present as Councilors.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11/4/1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letters addressed to and received from E. E. McNamara, Plumber, Double Bay, regarding the account (£54/17/6) submitted by him for supplying and fixing four 3" gal. sockets, 3" hex. nipple, two 3" bends and 3" pipe for the Trust at Nielsen Park. were read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the Secretary arrange for Mr. McNamara to meet Mr. Cobden Parkes, one of his staff, and Mr. Halbert at Nielsen Park on a convenient date to discuss the matter.

(ii) Letter from Deputy Commissioner of Federal Taxation (23/4/54) asking for a copy of the laws governing the aims and objects of the Trust and copy of reply sent were read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Mr. Ken Muggleston, Set Director, Treasure Island Pictures Pty., Ltd. (12/4/54) asking for the loan of certain copper kitchen utensils exhibited in Vaucluse House for filming purposes and copy of reply sent were read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Acting Secretary, Department of Government Transport (7/4/54) intimating that Route 321 Express Omnibus Service would be discontinued after Sunday, 18th April, 1954 was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (20/4/54) acknowledging receipt of the Trustees recommendation that Alderman Hood be appointed a member of the Trust vice Mr. H. J. Halbert, retired, was read and after some discussion, noted.

(vi) Letter from Mr. A. R. Clarke (8/4/54) one of the Trust's employees, asking for three months long service leave from 21/6/1954 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the application be approved.

The Secretary's report (30/4/54) that no record could be found of Mr. Clarke having been employed by the Trust prior to December, 1932, was noted.

(vii) Letter from Mr. F. A. Brodie, 15 Olola Avenue, Vaucluse (2/5/54) asking for permission to have one or

CHAIRMAN: Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY: Edwards Nathan

CORRES-PONDENCE: (CONT.) two trees in Vaucluse Park trimmed to enable him to see the harbour from his home, was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the authority desired by Mr. Brodie be granted on condition that the work be carried out by the Trusts employees at his expense or that he engage the services of a competent person to do it under the supervision of a representative of the Trust.

(viii) Letter from Mrs. George Stevens, Kings Cross, 4/5/1954, offering to present to the Trust for exhibition in Vaucluse House a very old work box and a patchwork quilt was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that the Secretary inspect the articles offered and furnish a report to the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Thequestion of action (if any) to be taken against the Omnibus Employees Picnic Committee to recover an amount of £88/19/6 owing for facilities availed of at Nielsen Park on 7th and 14th December, 1953, was considered.

On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the matter be placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

(ii) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Secretary arrange for the Trusts piano at Nielsen Park to be tuned, a new hammer, two strings and cover to be supplied.

(iii) It was resolved that the following work be carried out at Vaucluse Park and House:-

(a) Shelter shed damaged by white ants to be repaired.

(b) Lower parapet on Vaucluse House to be painted.

(c) Flat roof of Vaucluse House to be painted with bituminous paint.

(d) The water pipe leading to Mr. Pemberton's quarters to be repaired if possible by an employee of the Trust and if not possible by a licensed plumber.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/54 was read and noted.

(ii) Accountspaid since April meeting to the value of £388/-/4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £567/1/- in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

The President drew special attention to the state of the Trusts finances. He pointed out that the Bank balance as at 30/4/54 was £4463/8/10 including the Special Investment Account of £537/11/9. Practically no revenue would be received from Nielsen Park until after the opening of next swimming season in October and the Government subsidy was not due until about August or September, whilst the wages alone to be paid in respect of both Parks would amount to approximately £680 every four weeks.

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CHAIRMAN: [illegible] SECRETARY: Chas. H. Nathan

FINANCE: (CONT.)

As there was very little work for the staff at Nielsen Park to do during the winter months the President suggested that each of the employees commencing with the Carpenter be stood down for a period of three weeks.

Messrs. Kelly and McGrath did not think that the President's suggestion should be adopted at this stage but thought that the financial position should be carefully watched and the matter considered at a later date.

After discussion the general view of the Trustees was that the finances of the Trust are not in such a parlous condition as to necessitate the proposed action at present.

There is ample work to be done and the President was ~~about~~ asked to review the work with a view to ensuring that the employees are fully and usefully employed.

The Trustees decided to review the position monthly.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS:

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN: Wallace C Smith SECRETARY; Thos. F. Mathews

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th June, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. W. C. Wurth (In the Chair.)
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
E. S. Miller,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from the President and the two Councilors (Messrs. Nicholls and Halbert.)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9/5/54 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Letter from Government Architect (6/5/54) reporting result of inspection of Vaucluse House and its contents for white ant and borer activity was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Secretary and Superintendent, Eastern Suburbs District Ambulance Service (10/5/54) asking for a donation towards the funds of that Institution was read.
On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the sum of five guineas (£5/5/-) be donated.

(iii) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (24/5/54) intimating that (a) the suggestion of the Trust that the law be amended to make provision for the retention of Trustees after attaining the age of 70 years has not been approved/the Minister (b) that the Minister has approved of the appointment of Messrs. Cobden Parkesand Roy Clarence Condon as Trustees in the places of Messrs. Nicholls and Halbert retired and (c) that it is not competent to appoint Mr. A. H. Hood as a Trustee in his individual capacity was read.
On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the letter be noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (i) Statement of President (13/5/54) regarding conferences held with the Australian Workers' Union in connection with a suggested agreement to cover employees of the Trust was read.
On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was resolved that the statement be received.

(ii) The Secretary was instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Trust an estimate of the cost of repairing portions of the cement path leading from the omnibus stop in Vaucluse Road to the Nielsen Park Kiosk and to furnish a report as to whether the work could be carried out by the Trusts employees.

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SECRETARY: [illegible] CHAIRMAN: [illegible]

GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(iii) Approval was given for the painting of a portion of the Shelter Shed in Vaucluse Park which wasrecently repaired owing to damage done by white ants.

(iv) The suggestion of the Secretary, in his report of 13/6/54 that a door be substituted for the wooden hatch which at present exists between one of the small rooms in No. 1 Pavilion and the Pavilion itself was approved.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/54 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £473/12/10 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £458/8/2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT:

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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SECRETARY: [illegible] CHAIRMAN: [illegible]

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th July, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson, (In the Chair.)
W. C. Wurth,
J. A. Kelly,
W. P. McGrath,
A. H. Hood,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

Messrs. G. G. Nicholls and H. J. Halbert were also present as Councilors.

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Mr. Miller.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13/6/1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hood.

CORRESPONDENCE: (I) Letter from Minister for Lands (17/6/54) intimating that the Trusts need of an increase in the annual grant will have his sympathetic consideration when the estimates of his Department for the coming financial year are being prepared was read and noted.

(II) Letter from Assistant Secretary, Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board (28/6/54) requesting that the Trust pay the sum of £39/17/6 for clearing a chokage which occurred in the sewer pipes at Nielsen Park was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the account rendered by the Board be paid by the Trust and that the matter be then taken up with the Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies in an endeavour to obtain half the cost of the work.

(iii) Letter from Deidre de Vallance, Bondi, (30/6/54) inquiring how to go about becoming a swimming instructress at Nielsen Park this coming 1954-55 summer season was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that Miss de Vallance be informed that the normal procedure is to write to the Trustees but that there is already a swimming instructor at Nielsen Park who is meeting all requirements.

(iv) Letter from Mr. Clive K. Trevarton, Point Piper (undated) applying for a position as gardener was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was resolved that Mr. Trevarton be informed that there is no vacancy on the Trusts staff at present but that his application will be kept in view.

(v) Letter from Secretary, Tresillian Homes for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (8/7/54) asking that lantana and other bushes on the sides of the road leading to the Vaucluse Home be cut back was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the Secretary of the Homes be informed that the Trust is already short of funds but the matter will be kept in view.

The Trust has received an account from the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board for £39/17/6 for attending to a chokage which occurred in a section of the sewer used exclusively by the Vaucluse Tresillian Home and if the Institution is prepared to pay half the cost of the work the Trust would be in a better position to defray the cost of cutting back the lantana etc. which encroaches on the road.

Chairman: ..... Secretary: .....

GENERAL: (i) Further consideration was given to the [illegible] four 3" gal. sockets, three hex. nipples, two 3" bends and 3" pipe at Nielsen Park.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the President.

(ii) Application of James Stewart, an employee of the Trust, for long service leave, was placed before the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the matter be left over pending further inquiries by the Secretary.

(iii) The question of the water service at Nielsen Park was discussed and it was resolved that the President and Mr. Trustee Hood be authorised to make certain representations through Sir Eric Harrison, M.P.

(iv) It was resolved that the Trusts employees take away certain rubbish which has been dumped in Olola Avenue near the entrance gates to Vaucluse House.

(v) On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that the pathway leading from the omnibus stop in Vaucluse Road to the Nielsen Park Kiosk, be repaired.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. McGrath, it was resolved that two new summer houses be erected in Nielsen Park near No. 2 Pavilion.

(vii) On the motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the fence on the Greycliffe Ave., boundary of Nielsen Park be painted.

FINANCE: (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/1954 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since June meeting to the value of £576/12/5 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £704/1/5 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S [illegible]: The Secretary's reports were read and received.

[illegible]: The Gardener's report was read and received.

[illegible]: The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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At your last meeting (11/7/14) it was resolved that the above application be left over pending further inquiries by me.

In his application Stewart states that owing to no work for him at present he would like to have his long service leave but that he would continue to open and shut the beach paddock gates as usual.

A careful search has been made of all available records and it is difficult to say exactly when Stewart commenced work with the Trust. I found that he did scrubbing for the Trust for some years from 1930 and was paid for each job. In November, 1937, he was appointed Beach Inspector during week ends and holidays at 10/- a day. From 24/9/1941 he was employed as a casual hand. Since 28/12/1941 Stewart has been paid a regular wage but on one occasion he was dismissed and subsequently reinstated. He took up residence in the Coachman's Cottage, Vaucluse Pt., in September, 1944.

If my reading of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-51 as amended by the Industrial Arbitration (amendment) Act, 1954, is correct Jules Stewart is not entitled to long service leave yet.

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Secretary.
29. 7.54.

To the President and Trustees.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th August, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. S. H. Wilson (In the Chair.)
J. A. Kelly,
W. C. Wurth,
A. H. Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R. C. Conden,
C. F. Nathan. (Secretary.)

Mr. H. J. Halbert was also present as Councilor.

[illegible]: The President extended a welcome to Messrs. Cobden Parkes and R. C. Condon who were appointed Trustees vice Messrs. G. G. Nicholls and H. J. Halbert, retired.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11/7/54 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

[illegible]: (i) Letter from Secretary, Tresillian Homes, for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (27/7/54) regarding the Trusts suggestion that the Institution pay half the cost of attending to a chokage which occurred in a section of the sewer in Nielsen Park used exclusively by the Tresillian Home was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that the Secretary of the Homes be informed that for a considerable period her Society paid very little towards the cost of maintaining the sewerage system in Nielsen Park. On at least one occasion there was a blockage in the section of the sewer used exclusively by the Tresillian Home and when it was being attended to articles were found in the pipes which could only have come from the Home. This was reported to the Matron and she was asked to instruct the inmates of the Home not to deposit such articles in the W.C.s, sinks, etc. The Trustees consider the Institution should bear a proportion of the rates as well as of the cost of repairs and [illegible].

(ii) Letter from District Contract Board, Department of Supply (28/7/54) inviting offers for the purchase of certain stores no longer required for Government use was read.

On the motion of Mr. Hood, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the letter be noted.

[illegible]: (i) Report from President on the proposed renovation of the mens toilets and the employees work shed at Nielsen Park for a sum not to exceed £150 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wurth, it was resolved that the work suggested by the President be carried out.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: (CONT.)

(ii) Further consideration of the action to be taken in connection with the charge £54/17/6 made by E. E. McNamara, Plumber, Double Bay, for supplying and fixing four 3" gal. sockets, one 3" hex. nipple, two 3" bends and 3" pipe at Nielsen Park.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that a cheque for £25 be forwarded to Mr. McNamara in full settlement of his account.

(iii) Report of Secretary (29/7/54) regarding the application of James Stewart for long service leave was read.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that Stewart be informed that in the opinion of the Trustees he is not yet eligible for long service leave.

(iv) Report of Secretary (2/8/54) regarding revenue received from the hire of tables in pavilions at Nielsen Park on Sundays during the period 4/10/53 to 18/4/54 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hood, it was resolved that both No. 1 and No. 2 Pavilions be let on Sundays but that No. 3 Pavilion be reserved for persons wishing to hire tables only for shelter.

(v) The President reported that, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Trust, he, Mr. Trustee Hood and Mr. Halbert met Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Francis together with Naval representatives at Nielsen Park on Tuesday 27/7/54 to discuss the matter of the water service at Nielsen Park. The proposition that the Navy Department should have a new main installed between the present water meter in Greycliffe Avenue and Steel Point Lattery Reserve was thoroughly debated and the site inspected. Mr. Francis said that he would [illegible] reply would be received by the Trustees.

On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the Presidents report be received.

(vi) On the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Gordon, it was resolved that Mr. J. A. Kelly be appointed Treasurer, vice Mr. H. J. Halbert, retired.

(vii) The question of the suitability of Mr. J. Pemberton in the position of Foreman was raised by the President and on the motion of Mr. Wurth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was resolved that the President prepare a minute setting out his suggestions as to the duties of Mr. Pemberton at Nielsen Park and those of Mr. Reynolds at Vaucluse Park, and that a copy of the Minute be forwarded to each Trustee prior to the date of the next [illegible].

(viii) It was resolved that the fence on the Greycliffe boundary of Nielsen Park be repaired by the Trusts carpenter.

FINANCE:

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/54 was read and noted.

(ii) accounts paid since July meeting to the value of £302/1/5 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £624/3/11 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

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SECRETARY'S REPORTS: The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT: The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 12.9 p.m.

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NIELSEN - VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th. September, 1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs. S.H.Wilson (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
W.P.McGrath,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon.
C.F.Nathan (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs. W.C.Wurth and E.S.Miller (Trustees) and Mr.G.G.Nicholls (Councilor).

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th. August, 1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Hood seconded by Mr.Cobden Parkes.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Mr.R.M.King, Vaucluse (16/8/54) asking whether the Trust will meet half the cost of erecting a portion of the fence between his property (39 Coolong Road) and Nielsen Park, was read.

On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Parkes it was resolved that Mr.King be informedthat the Trustees are not required to pay half the cost of dividing fences and are unable to accede to his request.

(ii) Letter from Mrs.A.M.Davis, President Garden Club of Australia (19/8/54) thanking the Trust for their kindness in contributing camellias for the decorations at the wedding of Miss Northcott in July last, was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Captain F.G.Rednall, R.A.N.(retired) 23/8/54 asking for authority to have a tree in Vaucluse Park trimmed, was read.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the authority sought be granted on condition that the work be carried out by the Trust's employees at his expense or by a competent person under the supervision of a representative of the Trust.

(iv) Letter from Manager, Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty. Ltd (31/8/54) advising the ferry service which will operate to Nielsen Park for the 1954/55 season, was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Secretary, Police Department (31/8/54) intimating that necessary Police arrangements will be made during the ensuing Wistaria Season at Vaucluse Park, was read and noted.

CHAIRMAN.

(vi) Communication from Mr.E.E.McNamara, Plumber, Double Bay (31/8/54) acknowledging receipt of cheque for £25 and asking for payment of balance of his account (£29. 17.6) was read.

SECRETARY.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.McGrath it was resolved that the matter be left to Mr.Cobden Parkes to make further inquiries, obtain legal advice and report to the Trustees in due course.

(vii) Letter from Secretary, Dept.Government Transport (7/9/54) intimating that approval cannot be given for the re-introduction of the Express Bus Service from Eddy Avenue at this stage but that arrangements will be made for the provision of reasonable transport facilities for visitors

Edwin F. Nathan, Secretary President

CORRESPONDENCE CONT.

to Vaucluse Park during the Wistaria Season by supplementing the Route 322 service between Dover Road, Rose Bay and Vaucluse, was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Minute from President (31/8/54) outlining the duties carried out by Mr.Pemberton as Overseer at Nielsen Park and Mr.Reynolds as Head Gardener at Vaucluse Park was read.

On the motion of Mr/McGrath seconded by Mr.Hood it was resolved that a Sub-Committee consisting of the President, Mr.Kelly and Mr.Condon be appointed, that Mr.Pemberton be called before the Sub-Committee at lo a.m. on Sunday, 19th.Sept.'54, that Pemberton be informed of the substance of the discussion which took place at today's meeting and that the Sub-Committee report back at the next meeting of the Trust.

On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.McGrath it was resolved also that the sub-committee furnish a report on the duties, if any, carried out by Mr.Pemberton at Vaucluse Park.

(ii) The President informed the meeting that Mrs.Collins, Clerk in the Trust Office, resigned on 8th. Sept.'54 and that, after advertising in the press, he interviewed several applicants and eventually selected Mrs.Schrude who commenced duties on 9th.Sept.'54.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes seconded by Mr.McGrath the action taken by the President was confirmed.

(iii) The Secretary was instructed to obtain the services of a licensed Electrician to remove certain wires to enable the work of erecting a new roof on the mens lavatory and the workshop to proceed.

(iv) The Secretary was instructed to have the section of the fence on the boundary of Greycliffe Avenue (between the main entrance to Nielsen Park and the Council's garden plot) painted.

FINANCE.

(i) Statements showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31st.August,'54 was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £356.18.6 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £531.3.7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY.

REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO MEETING ON 10TH.OCTOBER,1954.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Trust on 12th.Sept.'54, Mr.Kelly, Mr.Condon and I met at Vaucluse House at 10 a.m. on Sunday,19th.Sept.'54.

After discussing various matters in connection with the staff, we interviewed Mr.Pemberton and informed him of the substance of the discussion which took place at the meeting on 19th.Sept.'54 and came to the conclusion that Mr.Pemberton be instructed that:-

(1) He must see that the employees who work under him at Nielsen Park sign on and off every day.

(2) All time sheets must be filled in by the employees, signed by them and certified as correct by Mr.Pemberton.

(3) Time Sheets to be lodged at the Trust Office not later than 9 a.m. every Wednesday.

(4) The weekly wages sheets to be entered up in the Trust Office thus relieving Mr.Pemberton of one of his present duties.

(5) All cash collected at Nielsen Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays together with daily report sheets to be lodged at the Trust Office by 9 a.m. on the following Monday morning.

(6) Daily cash report sheets to be filled in and signed by Mr.Pemberton - Mr.Irvine to check the commencing and closing numbers of tickets on the issuing machines and initial each sheet.

(7) Mr.Pemberton to be relieved of the duty of driving the Trust's truck as much as possible and Mr.Irvine to assume that duty.

Sydney H.Wilson. President.

J.A.Kelly.

R.C.Condon.

5th.October,1954.

NIELSEN - VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.October,1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair)
W.C.Wurth,
J.A.Kelly,
W.P.McGrath,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon.
C.F.Nathan.
Messrs.G.G.Nicholls and H.J.Halbert were also present as Councilors.

INUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th.September,1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

LECTION F OFFICERS. The election of officers resulted as follows:-

President.	Mr.S.H.Wilson.
Vice President.	Mr.W.C.Wurth.
Secretary.	Mr.C.F.Nathan.
Treasurer.	Mr.J.A.Kelly.
Publicity Officer.	Secretary in collaboration with President.
Nielsen Park Sub-Committee.	The President Ex-officio and Messrs.Condon,McGrath,Hood and Miller.
Vaucluse House and Park Sub-Committee.	The President Ex-officio and Messrs.Kelly,Wurth,Miller and Parkes.

ORRESPONDENCE. (1) Letter (9/9/54) presented by Mr.A.H.Moverley from the Secretary, Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board intimating that supply conditions in the Board's 4" C.I.C.L.Main in Greycliffe Avenue should be satisfactory to meet the requirements of the Park as well as the Navy's Radar Station at Steel Pt., was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Mrs.H.Heiber, S.S."Orontes" Pyrmont (21/9/54) congratulating the Trustees on Vaucluse House and Gardens but complaining of the quality of the food served at the Kiosk, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth seconded by Mr.Kelly it was resolved that the letter be received.

(iii) Letter from Mrs.T.Schmude,Clerk,Trust Office (9/9/54) applying for an increase in salary, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath seconded by Mr.Wurth, it was resolved that the application be not granted at present as Mrs.Schmude,under the Clerks Award, is to receive an increase in wages of 11/6 a week.

(iv) Letter from Mr.A.R.Clarke (dated 7/6/54 and received at the Trust's office on 21/9/54) tendering his resignation as an employee and further letter from him (26/9/54) asking to be paid for the balance of long service leave which he claims is due to him, were read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth seconded by Mr.Kelly it was resolved that the resignation be accepted from the date of receipt and that the matter of whether Mr.Clarke is entitled to additional leave be referred to the Crown Solicitor for his advice.

(v) Letter from Mrs.E.H.Emmett, Tahmoor (20/9/54) offering to sell for exhibition in Vaucluse House a dining room suite said to have come from the House, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the offer be refused.

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CHAIRMAN. SECRETARY.

CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED.

(vi) Letter from Town Clerk, Woollahra (24/9/54) asking for the removal of all lantana from Vaucluse Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.McGrath it was resolved that it be pointed out to the Council that Vaucluse House is an asset to the district, that the Council has not in the past been asked to consider giving assistance to the Trust in maintaining the House with the limited funds available, that water from a considerable number of streets in the Municipality flows into the Park and is carried off by drains which are maintained by the Trust. In the circumstances the Trust asked the Council to give favourable consideration to the utilization of its staff in removing the lantana assisted as far as possible by the Trust's employees.

(vii) Letter from Hon.Secretary, Nielsen Park Life Saving Club (28/9/54) advising the names of the Club's office bearers for the ensuing season, was read and noted.

(viii) Letter from C.H.Sippe & Co. (27/9/54) forwarding the old heavily jet beaded garment which the Trustees agreed to accept at their meeting in January last, was read and noted.

(ix) Letter from Secretary, Tresillian Homes for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (30/9/54) intimating that her Council is unable to pay anything towards the cost (£39.17.6) of repairing a blockage in a section of the sewer in Nielsen Park used exclusively by Vaucluse Tresillian Home, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth seconded by Mr.McGrath it was resolved that the letter be noted.

(x) Letter from Secretary, N.S.W.Government Railways, Per Way & Signalling Workshops Picnic Committee (4/10/54) asking for permission to use a miniature train in Nielsen Park on the day of their picnic (Monday, 22/11/54) , was read. On the motion of Mr.Hood, seconded by Mr.McGrath, it was resolved that the request be granted on condition that the train be erected and dismantled on the day of the picnic, that it be erected in a position in the park approved of by the Trustees' representative, that the site used be not damaged and that it be left in good order and condition.

(xi) Letter from Mr.A.T.Powell, M.L.A.Victoria (6/10/54) expressing appreciation of the luncheon and courtesy received by him and other members of Parliament at Nielsen Park Kiosk on 5th.October,'54, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that Mr.Powell's letter be acknowledged with thanks and that a copy of it be forwarded for Mr.McCole's information.

(xii) Letter from Mr.L.J.Short, Bondi Beach (7/10/54) asking for permission to operate a Juvenile Auto Ride in Nielsen Park and offering to pay £2.10.0 a week rent, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the application be refused.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(1) Report of Sub-Committee regarding Mr.J.Pemberton and various matters connected with the staff, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the report be adopted, subject to Clause (6) of the report being deleted and that the Secretary be delegated to check the numbers of tickets on the issuing machine at approximately 9 a.m. every Monday morning.

On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.McGrath it was resolved that:-

(1) The Committee already appointed extend its deliberations and report to the Trust on the general organization and the staff as a whole.

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CHAIRMAN. [signature] SECRETARY. [signature]

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GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED.

(2) That the Committee should include in its report:-

(a) Recommendations as to the staff necessary in order to ensure proper management of both Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park.

(b) Recommendations as to duties to be performed by each member of the proposed staff and in this connection whether any alteration is desirable in the allocation of the cottages and other available quarters, including the cottage occupied by Mrs.Roche.

(c) Consideration of ways and means of providing for the appointment of a manager responsible for all operations within the income available to the Trust, whether it is possible for such manager, in addition to his supervisory duties to carry out a substantial part of the clerical work of the Trust with part time assistance from some other member of the staff e.g. the kiosk attendant on a full time basis and whether a full time employee or employees should be substituted for any of the ptesent casual employees.

(ii) Statement of Secretary showing increases granted to certain employees under Awards, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.McGrath, it was resolved that the increases shown in the attached statement marked "A" be approved, to take effect from next pay period - except in the cases of the Secretary, the Clerk (Female),&the Cleaner (Female), which should operate from the date to which they were entitled under the respective Awards. Consideration of the salaries of Messrs. Pemberton and Reynolds was deferred until the report of the Committee had been received.

(iii) Report of Secretary (5/10/54) regarding the death of Mr.S.A.Morris, Attendant, Vaucluse House and the appointment of Mr.Harold Ross in his place, was read. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved that the action taken be confirmed.

(iv) Mr.Cobden Parkes submitted draft of a letter which, after consultation with one of the legal officers of his Department, he suggested should be forwarded to Mr.E.E.McNamara, Plumber, Double Bay. Mr.Parkes suggestion was agreed to.

INANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/54, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since September meeting were ratified as follows:-

Vaucluse Section	293. 6. 5
Nielsen Section	504. 9.11
	£ 797.16. 4

ECRETARY'S EPORTS. The Secretary's reports were read and received.

ARDENER'S EPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

EETING LOSED. The meeting closed at 12.22 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN. SECRETARY.

NIELSEN - VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

STATEMENT SHOWING AWARD INCREASES IF THEY ARE TO BE APPLIED TO THE TRUST'S EMPLOYEES.

VAUCLUSE SECTION.

OCCUPATION.	OLD RATE.	NEW RATE.
Head Gardener	14.19. 0	14.19. 0
Labourer	13. 6. 0	13.18. 0
Cashier	5. 3 1/10 hr.	5. 3 1/10 Hr.
Attendant	1. 6. 9 ½Day	1. 7.10 ½Day
Cleaner	5. 11¼ Hr.	5.11¼ Hr.
Clerk	10. 2. 0	10.13. 6
Secretary	14. 6. 0	14.10. 0

NIELSEN SECTION.

Labourer	13. 6. 0	13.18. 0
Painter	15. 1. 0	15. 8. 4
Carpenter	15. 4. 0	15. 4. 0
Stonemason	16. 2. 0	16. 2. 0
Secretary	see above	
Clerk	see above	
Ranger	14.19. .0	14.19. 0
Foreman	15.11. 0	15.11. 0
Baths Attendant	9.17. 0	10. 2. 0

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, the 14th.November,'54 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair)
W.C.Wurth,
J.A.Kelly,
W.P.McGrath,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
C.F.Nathan (Secretary)
Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present and an apology was received from Mr.G.G.Nicholls (Councillor).

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th.October,'54 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon.

CORRESPON-DENCE. (i) Letter from Director, Commonwealth Department of Works (13/10/54) asking for permission for the Commonwealth to make a connection to the sewer manhole between Tresillian Hospital and the ladies toilets on the Western side of Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved that the desired permission be granted provided the Commonwealth is willing to pay the cost of attending to any blockages which may occur in the sewer pipes between the Degaussing Station and the manhole and that any trenches dug in the Park are left in good condition when the job is finished.

(ii) Letter from Director, Commonwealth Department of Works (27/10/54) intimating that the construction of the new water main through Nielsen Park will commence shortly and that following or during construction of the main it will be in order for the Trust to make connections thereto on certain conditions, was read. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that an offer of Mr.Hood to interview Mr.Moverley of the Water Board regarding the fixing of water meters in the Park be accepted with thanks.

(iii) Letter from Mr.V.P.McGrath (29/10/54) giving particulars as to what it would cost to advertise Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park through the medium of talkie slides at various picture theatres, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the Trust should not advertise at picture theatres.

(iv) Letter from Crown Solicitor (26/10/54) advising that Mr.A.R.Clarke is entitled to a proportionate part of long service leave on the basis prescribed by the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1951 as amended, in respect of his last two years of service, was read. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the Crown Solicitor's advice be acted upon.

(v) Letter from Town Clerk, Woollahra (28/10/54) intimating that the Council's employees will remove the lantana in Vaucluse Park on this occasion only and that in future the Council will carry out maintenance of the natural water courses used as drains for the adjoining municipal roadways, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.McGrath, it was resolved that the Council be thanked and that it be noted that Mr.Hood's co-trustees appreciated the assistance rendered by him in the matter.

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CHAIRMAN. ..... SECRETARY. .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(vi) Letter from Mr.A.Turner, Watsons Bay (27/10/54) complaining that Mr.(illegible)orton takes his dog into the swimming sheds at Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Wurth, it was resolved that Mr.Turner be informed that the matter will be looked into. Mr.Morton to be spoken to regarding the matter.

(vii) Communication from Auditor General (undated) regarding Audit of the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30/6/54, was read. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that a copy of the report be forwarded to each Trustee and that it be discussed at the next meeting.

(viii) Letter from Secretary, Department of Government Transport (2/11/54) intimating that arrangements have been made to reintroduce the Summer Sunday and Holiday Express Bus Service between Eddy Avenue and Parsley Bay on Sunday, the 7th.November '54 and that it has been decided to increase the fare from Adults 1/6 and Children 3d. to 2/- and 6d. respectively, was read and noted.

(ix) Communication from Accountant, Lands Department (3/11/54) intimating that £725 had been lodged in the Commonwealth Savings Bank towards the maintenance and improvement of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park, was read and noted.

(x) Letter from Mr.John F.Duffy, Hon.Secretary 1955 Picnic, Australian Tramway and Motor Omnibus Employees' Association, inquiring whether a reduction could be made in the charges for facilities at Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Hood, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved that the Association be not charged for the summer houses used by them, the rent of which would be £16. It was also resolved that the charge of 4/- for the use of either of the small rooms in No.1 Pavilion (vide Minutes of Meeting held on 18/12/1951) be increased to 6/- for each room.

(xi) Letter from Mrs.G.L.Paul, 36 Olola Avenue,Vaucluse asking for permission to have the top of one of the trees in Vaucluse Park cut off, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was resolved that the desired permission be given on condition that the work is carried out by a competent person under the supervision of a representative of the Trust and that any branches cut down be removed from the Park.

(xii) Letter from Mr.Walter J.Wearn, Far West Childrens' Health Scheme (9/11/54) asking for permission to have his shark proof nets dipped in the tar boiler at Nielsen Park when the Trust's employees are dipping the Trust's nets, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the permission asked for be granted.

(xiii) Letter from Mrs.D.Wentworth, Point Piper (11/11/54) asking that a table top and a painting of W.C.Wentworth, son of the original W.C.Wentworth, loaned to the Trust by her late husband, be returned to her, was read. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Wurth, it was resolved that the two articles mentioned be returned and that Mrs.Wentworth be informed that the Trustees very much appreciate the gifts which have in the past been made to them by her and her late husband.

This is page two of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust, held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.November,1954.

Chairman..... Secretary.....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The Secretary reported that with the approval of the President, Mr.Patrick Geaghan was employed as a labourer in Vaucluse Park from 4th.November,1954. The job was advertised in the Double Bay Courier and Cumrins Weekly on 28/10/54 and Mr.Geaghan's application was the only one received. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the employment of Mr.Geaghan be confirmed.

(ii) The President presented the report of the Sub-Committee on its deliberations regarding the general organisation of the Trust's staff as a whole,etc. The Report was discussed and received.

FINANCE.

(1) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30th.October,'54, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since October meeting were ratified as follows:-

Vaucluse Section	£347. 5. 2
Nielsen Section.	620.16. 1
	£968. 1. 3

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

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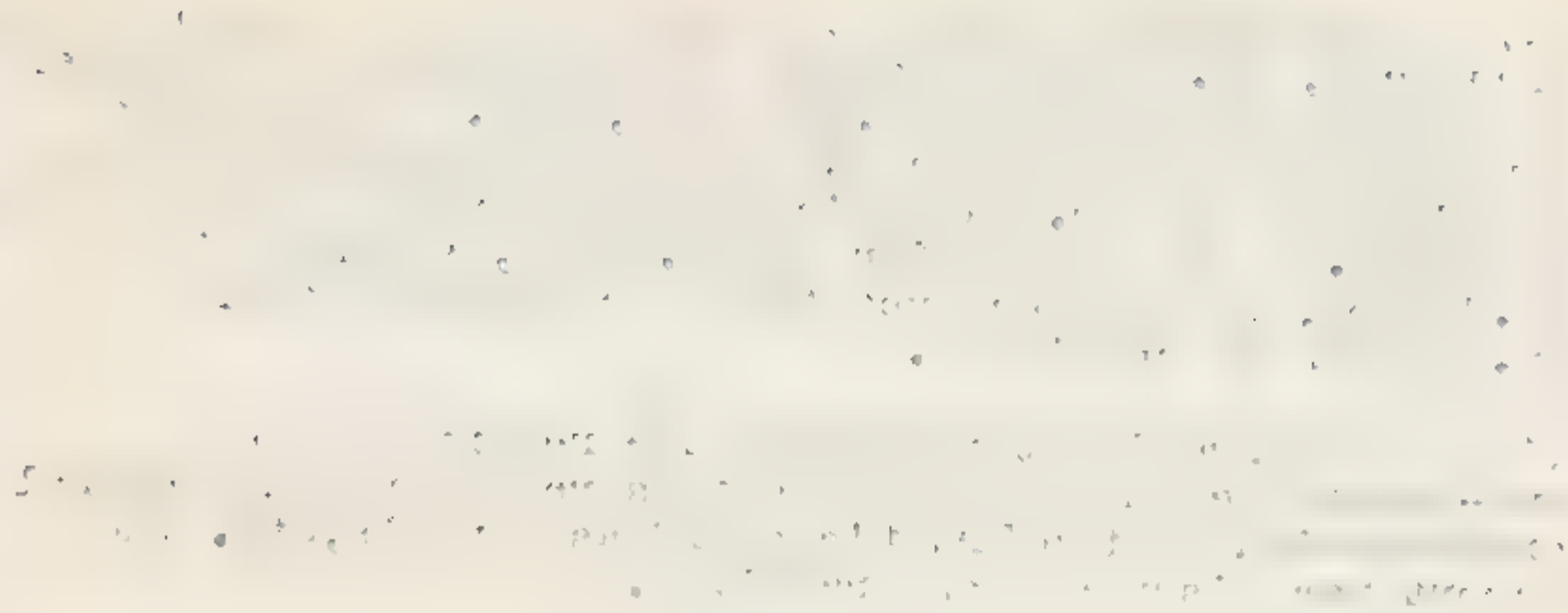
CHAIRMAN..... Secretary.



NIELSEN- VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, the 12th.December,1954 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair),
W.C.Wurth,
J.A.Kelly,
W.P.McGrath,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
C.F.Nathan (Secretary)
Messrs.C.G.Nicholls and H.J.Halbert (Councillors) were also present.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th.November,'54 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Chief Botanist and Curator, Botanic Gardens (19/11/54) addressed to Mr.Trustee Wurth, regarding certain trees in Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved that Mr.Anderson be thanked for the recommendations made by him and informed that they will be adopted. Further, that the Trustees would be glad to receive suggestions from him as to the type of trees to be planted in the parking area next winter and also suggestions from his landscape officer regarding the area.

(ii) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (29/11/54) inviting attention to the Auditor General's Report regarding the accounts of the Trust and asking what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken, in connection with each of the matters referred to in the report, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the Under Secretary be informed that each of the matters referred to in the Auditor General's Report (with the exception of that relating to bathing costumes and towels which will be dealt with at an early date) had been adjustedprior to receipt of the report. A change has been made in the office staff and further changes are about to be made which it is anticipated will result in an adequate standard of work and supervision.

(iii) Letter from Mr.Harry Rooklyn, George Street,Sydney (1/12/54) asking for permission to erect and operate a Kiddie Ride in Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the application be not approved.

(iv) Letter from Mr.J.Deane, Newcastle (2/12/54) offering to present to the Trust a brick from the ruins of the original home of Major Innes at Port Macquarie, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the brick be accepted with thanks.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Report of Foreman and Sheds Manager, Nielsen Park (17/11/54) regarding the conduct of persons who attended two picnics at Nielsen Park on Sunday,13th,November,'54, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that the Foreman's recommendation be adopted.

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CHAIRMAN. SECRETARY.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (ii) The Secretary reported that he had given delivery of the ladies side saddle which the Trustees at their meeting on 21st.October,1951 agreed to accept from Mrs.F.Friend of Kilburn,Goulburn. Approval was given for the Trust's carpenter to make a suitable case to house the saddle.

(iii) The Secretary was instructed to inquire whether the two down pipes which it was proposed to renew at Vaucluse House were to be of copper or galvanised iron, to have a new cistern erected in the Ladies Toilets at Vaucluse Park and repairs made to two of the other cisterns.

He was also instructed to have repairs carried out to two flush pipes in the ladies toilets in the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park, to two flush pipes in the toilets in the men's Dressing Sheds, to one cistern in the ladies outside toilets, and to three cisterns in the men's outside toilets.

He was further instructed to have the drain from the wash basins in the women's outside toilets and two blocked drains in the men's outside toilets cleared.

(iv) Mr.Halbert was commended on the prompt action taken by him in having one of the wharf piles replaced by the Trust's employees and Mr.Hood was commended for arranging for the loan of two lifting jacks from the Woollahra Municipal Council.

(v) At a meeting of the Trustees held on 18th.December, 1950 the following resolution was carried:- "That the use of amplifiers in Nielsen Park on Sundays be prohibited and that persons desirous of using amplifiers on other days of the week be informed that if permission is given they must reduce the volume of intensity as much as possible"" On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the terms of the above resolution be strictly carried out.

(vi) It was resolved that steps be taken to advertise for an additional labourer to work at Nielsen Park.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30th.November,'54, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £358.9.1 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £770.4.7 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN. SECRETARY.

NIELSEN - VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.January,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair),
W.C.Wurth,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
C.F.Nathan (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Mr.W.P.McGrath and Mr. G.G.Nicholls.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th.December,'1954 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

CORRES-PONDENCE. (i) Letter from Mr.C.F.Nathan (13/12/54) resigning his position as Secretary to the Trust, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the resignation be accepted from the end of the present month unless a successor to Mr.Nathan is obtained prior to that date. It was also resolved that Mr.Nathan be paid for any leave of absence due to him and that the Trustees appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Trust be recorded.

(ii) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (9/12/54) intimating that the Minister for Lands has approved of payment of the sum of £2775 to the credit of the Trust representing an increase of £600 on the Annual Grant 1953-54, was read and noted. The total grant for the current year amounts to £3500.

(iii) Memo from Accountant, Department of Lands (17/12/54) intimating that £2775 has been deposited in the Commonwealth Savings Bank to the credit of the Trust's Account at Rose Bay, was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Sydney Harbour Ferries Pty.Ltd.(9/12/54) stating that it will not be possible to operate a ferry service to Nielsen Park during the school holidays other than the regular Sunday and Public Holiday service, was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Secretary, Police Department (21/12/54) regarding the delay of the Police in responding to a call for assistance at Nielsen Park on 8th.October,'54, was read and noted.

(vi) Letter from Hon.Social Secretary, Customs House Sub-Branch, R.S.S.& A.Imperial League (20/12/54) expressing appreciation of Nielsen Park and commending Messrs.Halbert, Pemberton and McCole for their services, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that a copy of the letter be forwarded for the information of Mr.McCole.

(vii) Letter from Solicitor for the Maritime Services Board (16/12/54) forwarding certain documents for the Trustees signature re Tenancy-at-Will of the area occupied by the Trust as a bathing enclosure at Shark Bay, was read. The documents were signed by the Trustees in attendance at the meeting and the Secretary instructed to return them to the Board's Solicitor together with a cheque for £4.10.9 to cover costs.

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CHAIRMAN. Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY.....

CORRES-PONDENCE.

(viii) Letter from Asst.Secretary and Vice Captain of Nielsen Park Life Saving Club (7/1/55) asking that the Trust assist the Club by carrying out certain repairs to the rooms occupied by them at Nielsen Park, was read. On the notion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the Trust carry out repairs to the roof of the Club house and that the matter of bectifying the state of the interior walls be referred to the Park Sub-Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Notice of Motion filed by The Australian Workers' Union for the establishment of a Conciliation Committee for certain employees including some of the employees of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park Trust, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wurth, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the Crown Solicitor be asked to act for the Trust in the matter.

(ii) It was agreed that the two new down pipes to be erected at the rear of Vaucluse House be made of copper instead of galvanised iron.

(iii) Mr.Cobden Parkes informed the meeting of inquiries made by him regarding the four inch water main being constructed between Greycliff Avenue and Steel Point and it was decided to allow the matter of the Trust connecting up with the main to remain over until the work on the main is completed.

(iv) A suggestion of Mr.Miller that the staff at Nielsen Park be commended for the manner in which they carried out their duties during the Christmas and New Year Holidays was agrred to.

(v) The President (Mr.Wilson) informed the meeting of an interview he had with Mr.H.Lord, one of the applicants for the position of Manager-Secretary. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Wurth, it was resolved that t Mr.Lord and certain other applicants be asked to interview the Trustees at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16/1/55.

(vi) It was resolved that Mr.J.L.McDermott, Rose Bay be thanked for donating an electric clock to the Trust for erection in front of the Kiosk at Nielsen Park and that when erected an appropriate notice be exhibited adjacent to the clock showing by whom it was donated.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/12/54, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since December meeting to the value of £669.19.0 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £1112.13.11 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.22 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.William C Wilson...SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Special Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.January,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson,
W.C.Wurth,
J.A.Kelly,
W.P.McGrath,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
C.F.Nathan (Secretary)

RESIGNATION OF MR.WILSON AS PRESIDENT. Mr.S.H.Wilson announced that he was relinquishing the position of President as from today. He had been President since 27th.April,1946 and thought that some other Trustee should now occupy the position. Mr.Wilson's resignation was accepted with regret and the Trustees present unanimously expressed their appreciation of the services rendered by him as President of the Trust.

APPOINTMENT OF MR.WURTH AS PRESIDENT AND MR.WILSON AS VICE PRESIDENT. It was resolved that Mr.W.C.Wurth be appointed President of the Trust and that Mr.S.H.Wilson be appointed Vice President.

APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF MANAGER-SECRETARY. Messrs.W.A.Bloomfield, W.H.S.Davis, H.A.Spencer, H.Lord, R.Farquhar and L.E.Mills, applicants for the advertised position of Manager-Secretary to the Trust were interviewed. After the interviews it was decided that none of the applicants should be appointed to the position and the Secretary was instructed to inform each of them that his application was unsuccessful. On the motion of Mr.Hood, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was resolved that the position be not re-advertised for the present but that it be left to the President to endeavour to secure a suitable appointee. If this cannot be done, the position should be re-advertised as determined by the President.

NIELSEN PARK WATER SERVICE. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Hood, it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to secure the services of a Licensed Plumber to make application to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board for permission to connect up the Dressing Sheds at Nielsen Park (with a 2½" pipe) to the new 4" water main now being laid between Greycliff Avenue and Steel Ppint.

RUBBISH RECEPTACLES. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for an adequate number of rubbish receptacles to be placed in the parking area at Nielsen Park.

LIFE SAVING CLUB -ROOF. Authority was given on the motion of Mr.Hood,seconded by Mr.Parkes, that the work of re-conditioning the roof of the Life Saving Club be proceeded with at once.

SIGNS INDICATING POSITION OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONVENIENCES. It was decided that appropriate notices be prepared and placed throughout the park indicating the position of men's and women's conveniences.

This is page one of the special meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 16th.January,1955.

CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth ... SECRETARY .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.February,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
Mrs. T.Schmude (Acting Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. An apology was received from Mr.G.G.Nicholls who had expressed his intention of resigning as councillor, whilst appreciating the honour the Trust had conferred upon him.

MINUTES. Minutes of ordinary meeting held on 9th.January,'55 and Special Meeting on 16th.January,'55 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon.

CORRES-PONDENCE. (i) Letter from R.A.McWilliam and seventeen other residents pf Greycliffe Avenue, Vaucluse (15/1/55) complaining of certain matters relating to Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Cobden Parkes, it was resolved to write to Mr.McWilliam informing him of the position in regard to the various matters raised and asking for the co-operation of the residents.

(ii) Account and cheque from Grazcos Ltd. for sale of Wool, £22.11.5, was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Department of Public Works, (6/1/55) reporting result of inspection of furniture in Vaucluse House on 12th.December,'54 for borers, was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Crown Solicitor (2/2/55) intimating he would be pleased to act for the Trust regarding the application by The Australian Workers' Union for an establishment of a Conciliation Committee, was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Nielsen Park Life Saving Club (7/2/55) giving an account of a drowning incident at Nielsen Park on Monday, 31st.January,'55, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.McGrath, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt and expressing Trust's appreciation of the report.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (1) Consideration of the amount to be paid to Mr.C.F.Nathan for recreation leave which he did not take during the period (1/12/46 to 31/1/55) he held the position of Secretary to the Trust. It was moved by Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Hood, that Mr.C.Nathan be paid £214.0.0 representing the value of the recreational leave.

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CHAIRMAN. Wallace C Wurth ACTING-SECRETARY. T Schmude
13/2/55

(11) Consideration was given to the staff arrangements consequent on resignation of Secretary. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided:

(a) That a weekly allowance of £2 be paid to the acting secretary from 1st.February,1955 until such times as a manager is appointed.

(b) That a casual employee be engaged to act as cashier at casual rates on each week day morning.

(c) That, in order to ensure adequate supervision by the manager when appointed, action be taken to have the Secretary's quarters available for his occupation.

(iii) The management of Nielsen Park was discussed and on a motion moved by Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to pay F.Irvine an allowance of 12/- per week during Mr.Pemberton's absence. Mr.Pemberton to be given sick pay during his absence, the question of continuance or otherwise to be reviewed at next meeting of the Trust.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Hood, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to appoint Mr.McGrath vice-chairman of Nielsen Park Sub-Committee. It was decided further that Mr/McGrath be empowered to convene meetings of said sub-committee without reference to the Trust except in matters of importance.

(v) Moved by Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, that, in order to remove the anomaly of Mr.Wurth occupying the position of member and President ex officio simultaneously on the Vaucluse Sub-Committee, another member of the Trust be placed on the said Committee. In deference to the wishes of the meeting, Mr.Wilson consented to fill the vacancy.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/55, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since January meeting to the value of £315.7.8 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £590.7.3 in the case of Nielsen Section, were ratified on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Hood.

ACTING-SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read. It was resolved that a 28" Atco Motor Mower be purchased at a cost of £274 from Motor Tractors Pty.Ltd.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.25 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....ACTING SECRETARY.....

13/3/55

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.March,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
A.H.Hood,
W.P.McGrath,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
Mrs. T.Schmude (Acting Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th.February,1955 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Hood.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Beryle Tomlinson,Rozelle (15/2/55) cancelling No.3 Pavilion for 6th.March,1955 as Lodge finds it impossible to hold picnic on that day and asking for refund of deposit £1.0.0, was read. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to refund the deposit.

(ii) Letter from Mrs.Helen Smith, Female Caterers-Waitresses Union (11/2/55) asking for a concession on No.1 Pavilion for 17th.March as most of their members are widows with children, was read. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was agreed to allow a reduction of 25% under the existing circumstances.

(iii) Letter from Aust.Foremen Stevedores' Assocn. (18/2/55) asking Trust not to let No.3 Pavilion in future to another industrial organisation on the same day as that held by the members of their Assocn, as the resultant confusion this year cuased dissatisfaction amongst members of their committee, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to accede to the request.

(iv) Letter from Mr.A.R.Clarke, Rose Bay (15/2/55) forwarding earlier application for position of Secretary-Manager dated 13th.December,1954, which had been returned from Dead Letter Office on 14th.Feb.'55 and asking for consideration in the proposed appointment, was read and noted.

(v) Letter from Mr.G.G.Nicholls,Vaucluse (22/2/55) confirming his resignation as Councillor of the Trust and returning key of Board Room, was read. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was agreed to accept his resignation with regret and the Acting-Secretary was instructed to write to this effect to Mr.Nicholls, conveying the thanks of the Trustees for his valuable services in the past/

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to grant Mr.J.Pemberton three months long service leave as from 14th.March,1955.

(ii) It was agreed to grant Mr.J.Reynolds long service leave (eleven years) upon his resignation and to allow him a weekly amount of 18/6 to cover fares until the newly appointed Head Gardener commences duties.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C Wurth. ACTING-SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) Acting on Mr.Miller's report the Acting-Secretary was instructed to purchase new outdoor coir mats for Vaucluse House where necessary. The matter of loose tiles in the House was discussed and it was agreed that Mr.Cobden Parkes should make enquiries on behalf of the Trust as to the treatment necessary.

(iv) The President reported that he had obtained the services of F.Bussman as Head Gardener, who would commence duties on 17th.March,1955. Mr.Bussman's employment on trial was approved and that, until such times as the gardener's cottage was available, a weekly amount of 5/- would be paid to him towards his extra fares.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-MANAGER.

The matter of the appointment of a Secretary-Manager was discussed and it was agreed that Mr.A.H.Hood, Trustee, who had expressed his willingness to undertake the duties should be employed at a reduced wage of £16.0.0 per week, in view of the fact that he would not undertake the book-keeping duties - if necessary the appointment would be on a part time basis in the first instance. Arrangements, it was agreed, should be left to the President.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 28/2/55, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since February meeting to the value of £492.14.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £738.18.6 in the case of Nielsen Section wereratified on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

ACTING-SECRETARY'S REPORTS.

The Acting-Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.5 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.Wallace C. Wurth ACTING-SECRETARY.....

13/4/55.

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF [illegible]

I desire to report to the Governors that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board arrived at on 15th.March,1946 arrangements have been made for Mr.Hood to enter on duty as Storekeeper-Manager of the Board on 22nd.April,1946 with salary at the rate of £16.0.0 per week.

It is requested that it be recorded that Mr.Hood's duties comprise:-

(1) Responsibility for the direction and supervision of all staff employed by the Board including issuing all directions to the staff as to the carrying out of their duties.

(2) Allocation of duties and rostering of staff for duty.

(3) General oversight and maintenance of the buildings, plant and stock.

(4) Making suggestions for the Trustees' consideration regarding the programme of work to be carried out during the year.

(5) Keeping and accounting for all money received (assisted by Mrs.Solando).

(6) Putting into effect such economies as have been approved by the Board in the staffing of [redacted] House.

Yours truly,

Julia C. Smith

President.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 17th.April,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
[illegible],
W.P.McGrath,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
A.H.Hood - Secretary Manager.
Mrs.T.Schnude - Clerk.

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th.March,1955 were confirmed on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter was received from Mr.A.H.Hood, tendering his resignation as Trustee and thanking the Trustees for giving him the position of Secretary-Manager. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Wilson, the clerk was instructed to forward Mr.Hood's letter to the Lands Dept. and at the same time to notify the Dept. of the recent election of President and Vice-President.

(ii) Letter from The St.John Ambulance Brigade was read advising the closing of their First Aid Room at Nielsen Park on 23rd.April and asking that the leaking of the roof of the First Aid Room be repaired during the off season. There was also a request for a donation. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was resolved to forward a donation of £5.5.0 and to inform the Corps Superintendent (Mrs.de Vere) that repairs would be effected to the roof during the winter months.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) As a result of a discussion on the present unsatisfactory cleaning arrangements in Vaucluse House, the Secretary was requested to obtain further quotes and submit these at next meeting.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.McGrath, it was agreed to pay F.Irvine £178.16.6 for 11½ weeks time owing to him. To prevent a recurrence of accumulations of leave in the future, the Secretary was directed to arrange a roster for the employees at Nielsen Park during the swimming season.

(iii) Authority Form was signed by the Trustees and the newly-appointed Secretary-Manager in regard to the latter's signature on cheques and for endorsements.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the duties of Secretary-Manager as outlined by the President were approved.

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Wallace C Wurth CHAIRMAN. A.H.Hood. SECRETARY.

(v) On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon, the appointment of the Head Gardener on a trial basis was confirmed. It was decided that permission should not be granted to the Head Gardener to occupy the cottage on completion of repairs until a report on his competence or otherwise was furnished by the Secretary to the next meeting, a tenancy agreement to be drawn in the meantime. It was further decided that the question of the payment of part of his fares be left in abeyance until such report was furnished and if he proved satisfactory and circumstances warranted it, a travelling allowance of 9/- a week would be made retrospective.

(vi) The Secretary announced the engagement of Mr.H.Ross for an extra 4 hours at weekends, thereby dispensing with the attendance of one gardener and placing the gardeners on 40 hrs.Monday to Friday with no weekend work, at a cost of £1.7.10 as compared with the gardener's wage of £2.15.7. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Wilson, the arrangements made were confirmed.

(vii) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided that, acting on the Sub-Committee's report of November,1954, the services of Mrs.Buckley as [illegible] should be dispensed with on weekdays during the winter months; that during this period Mrs.Buckley's duties be taken over by the clerk and that the salary of £12.13.6 , paid to the clerk since the resignation of the former secretary, be continued.

(viii) In reference to the disposal of worn bathing costumes and towels at Nielsen Park the Secretary reported that, as a result of his inspection, 212 Costumes and 17 Towels, unfit for further use, were set aside in readiness for checking and writing-off by the auditors.

(viv) The erection of an extra toilet at Nielsen Park was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee for consideration.

(x) The Secretary was instructed to purchase a drenching-gun for the sheep. The President reported that he would discuss with the Government Vetinerary officer the advisability of replacing the sheep now on the property, with younger sheep.

(xi) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.McGrath, the Secretary was instructed to purchase seedlings necessary to produce an attractive display in the Spring.

(xii) The Secretary reported that the burglar alarm at Vaucluse House was out of order and Mr.Parkes agreed to arrange for an inspection made by an employee from the Dept.of Works and for that Dept. to carry out any necessary repairs.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth ..... A. N. Hood.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/3/55 was noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £556.12.4 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £857.19.2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified, on the notion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

REPORTS. (i) The Acting-Secretary's reports (2) were read and received.

(ii) The report by the Secretary-Manager addressed to the President was read and received.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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/ A.N.Hood

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.May,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
[illegible],
W.P.McGrath,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
A.H.Hood (Secretary-Manager)

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor).

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th.April,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from St.[illegible] Trustees for their donation of £5.5.0, was received.

(ii) Quote from Office and Home Cleaners, 7 Underwood St.,Sydney, was received. It wasresolved to arrange with "Spencer the Cleaner", whose quote was received earlier, to undertake to attend to the cleaning of Vaucluse House on a trial basis for three weeks at the price quoted, £10 per week. The matter then to be reviewed by the President and Secretary and report to next meeting.

(iii) Letter from Mrs.G.Stevens, Kings Cross (20/4/55) received, to be acknowledged and thanked.

(iv) Letter from Lands Dept. re resignation of Mr.A.H.Hood as Trustee, approving of his appointment as Secretary-Manager, and noting the election of the present President and Vice President, was read and received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) It was decided that the President should arrange with Mrs.Buckley for the cleaning of exhibit cases and contents.

(ii) Moved by Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Wilson, that the President's statement to the Press in regard to Vaucluse House be approved and endorsed.

(iii) A notion to write-off 212 Costumes and 17 Towels at Nielsen Park, as approved by Auditor, was carried.

(iv) The President's instructions to Secretary to arrange with Mrs.Buckley to attend between the hours 10 to 5 Saturdays,Sundays and Holidays with pay at the rate of £2 per day, was confirmed.

(v) It was agreed that the Head Gardener be under further observation until cottage is completed,before he be permitted to occupy same, under a suitable tenancy agreement.

(vi) The Secretary was authorised to purchase a new gas Stove for Gardener's cottage; also to supply globes and shades to electric fittings, the occupant to be responsible for replacements and breakages.

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for use at Nielsen Park.

(viii) The Secretary was authorised to purchase
£5, to be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Trust.

(ix) After a report from the Dept.of Agriculture was read by the President, it was agreed to keep the present sheep, the matter of finding other means of keeping grass down to be deferred for six months.

(x) Mr.Wilson asked that the Insurance Policy be checked to ascertain if the cash in safe and in transit to and from bank, is covered.

(xi) It was agreed that the Secretary be allowed the sum of 25/- per week for using his own car in connection with his duties.

(xii) The Secretary was instructed to check the lease of L.McCole, to determine the responsibility for replacing fittings required on windows of Kiosk at Nielsen Park.

(xiii) The President stated he would interview the Chairman of the Hospitals Commission in regard to chokages in sewer at Nielsen Park.

(xiv) Several matters were referred to the Sub-Committees of Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park for consideration and report.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/4/55, was noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since April meeting to the value of £416.10.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £774.1.6 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified, on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT VAUCLUSE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE. 22/5/56.

GIRL'S BEDROOM. Replace one Curtain, see if others can be repaired.

CORRIDORS. Clean or repaint walls and skirtings. Identify, if possible, photo opposite Girl's Bedroom.

WINDOWS. Have all windows thoroughly cleaned.

WALLS. Investigate if same can be cleaned where necessary.

BALLROOM. Put stronger globes in, have chandeliers cleaned.

RECEPTION ROOM. More powerful globes, clean chandelier.

CONSTITUTION ROOM. More powerful globe, newshade on light. Curtains renovated if possible, identify plaque in window.

STATUES. Cleaned if possible.

BOYS BEDROOM. Attention to Curtains.

FIRST BEDROOM. Attention to broken chair.

SEA CHEST. Identify same if possible (upstairs corridor)

NOTICES. Renew where shabby and newones where missing.

A. H. Hood.

Secretary-Manager.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.June,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
W.B.McGrath,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
A.H.Hood (Secretary-Manager)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Mr.S.H.Wilson and Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor).

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th.May,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Eastern Suburbs Ambulance Service asking for usual annual donation, was received. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to donate £5.5.0.

(ii) Letter from Department of Education in reply to Trust's of 16th.February,1955 stating that arrangements have been made to include a notice concerning Vaucluse House in the June issue of the "Education Gazette", was received. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge with thanks, asking for a continuance of notice in subsequent issues.

(iii) Establishment of Conciliation Committee - Trust noted that case was listed for Friday, 3rd. June,1955. President reported that the application by The Australian Workers' Union had been approved, the Trust's representative acquiescing in any order the Commission might make.

(iv) Letter from Mr.Metcalfe, Principal Librarian of N.S.W., reporting on his visit to Vaucluse House, was read, and instructions were given to thank him and his assistant for their report. It was moved by Mr.Miller that the President be authorised to arrange for a suitable person to draw up a catalogue and make suggestions in regard to the interior arranging of the House. The Trustees confirmed their policy of keeping the House as a Period House rather than an exhibition only relating to W.C.Wentworth.

(v) Letter from Miss Amy Rowntree, Secretary, Folk Museum,Hobart, asking information in regard to conducting affairs at Vaucluse House, was read. The Secretary was directed to supply the necessary information.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Memo from Minister for Lands acknowledging receipt of the Trust's request for an increase in annual subsidy, was noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, an account for plumbing from K.Neowhouse for £222.14.6 was passed for payment.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) It was agreed to request the Maritime Services Board to arrange for a Diver to inspect piles supporting nets and repairs required to wharf, so that the work may be completed before the swimming season commences.

(iv) As to the repairs required to the Kiosk at Nielsen Park, Mr.Parkes was requested to inspect Kiosk and report. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to do the necessary work as soon as time permitted, the tenant's rent to be increased 10% of the money expended on building.

(v) The Trustees to extend the shed at Nielsen to provide housing for the truck.

(vi) Discussion took place on the condition of the rubbish tip at Nielsen Park, and it was agreed that endeavours should be made to arrange for supervision to be exercised by some person over the tipping of rubbish in the area, either by way of employment of a suitable person, or by arranging with near-by residents, or the block watchman, to do this.

(vii) Mr.Condon asked that some rough stonework at Life Savers quarters be cemented and the Secretary was instructed to have this attended to.

(viii) Spencers (Cleaners) to be further engaged for two or three weeks to complete walls, floors and windows and the Secretary to arrange for the employment of Mrs.Westbrook, with pay at the rate of £3.15.0 for 16 hours per week, in lieu of present cleaner.

(ix) The Secretary was directed to arrange for the purchase of new Bedcover for First Bedroom.

(x) President and Secretary were authorised to interview the Municipal Council's Engineer to arrange for control, instead of removal, of lantana in Vaucluse Park.

(xi) Approval was given to plant "Notting" garden with suitable flowers.

(xii) Mr.Parkes reported on chokages to sewer at Nielsen caused by hospital. It was decided not to take any action at present but any further trouble is to be investigated as to the cause and the Hospital communicated with where the cause was due to inmates of the Hospital.

(xiii) Consideration of the suggestion that the leaflet re Vaucluse House be reprinted, was deferred.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/55, was noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since May meeting to the value of £509.11.6 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £297.5.11 in the case of Nielsen, were ratified.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports(2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.July,1955.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
A.H.Hood (Secretary-Manager)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th.June,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Memo from Maritime Services Board (17/6/55) acknowledging the Trust's application for a diver to inspect the pilessupporting the net cables, was received and noted.

(ii) Letter from Maritime Services Board (1/7/55) informing the Trust that recent inspection at Shark Bay discloses that life saving apparatus is not installed at the jetty and requiring attention without delay, was read. It was resolved to inform the Board that, in conformity with regulations, several buoys had been installed at various times but these invariably had been stolen or destroyed by vandals. In deference to the Board's wishes, however, methods of making the buoy secure against theft and vandalism were being investigated.

(iii) Letter from Secretary, Tresillian Home (4/7/55) was read and received. It was decided that the Secretary be informed that replacement of the gate pillars or widening of the road turntable would not benefit the Trust's property in any way, and that the pot-holes in the road appear to have been caused by the work being carried out by the Naval Department. It was suggested that the Secretary confer with the Naval Department on this matter as that Department was responsible for at least some of the disrepair. As to the complaint about lantana, it was resolved to inform the Secretary that no funds were available at present for this work, but in any event the Trust would agree to the Hospital effecting any improvements in the road that serves the Hospital at the Hospital's expense.

(iv) Letter from Mr.H.K.Garland,Seaforth (5/7/55) offering photographs for display in Vaucluse House, was received. Mr.Parkes was deputed to inspect the photographs and, if suitable, to arrange for delivery to the Trust's premises. Mr.Garland to be thanked for his offer and to be informed of Mr.Parkes visit.

(v) Letter from McFarlane and Son,Plumbers (8/7/55) submitting quotation for plumbing work to toilets at Nielsen Park for £119.0.0, was read and received. It was resolved that this quote be accepted and for the Secretary to arrange to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

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CHAIRMAN ..... SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The Secretary submitted a sample of toilet paper holder, and was instructed to purchase sufficient for all the toilets and to have same placed in position before the commencement of the swimming season.

(ii) The Secretary was authorised:

(1) To purchase a suitable vacuum cleaner for use in Vaucluse House.

(2) To have new rubber placed on main stairs in Vaucluse House.

(3) To purchase forty Rose trees to be planted in flower bed at entrance to House.

(iii) Mr.Parkes drew attention to the arches in the Stable building and offered to arrange for an inspection by experts and to have necessary repairs effected if possible by the Trust's employees. Mr.Parkes' suggestion was approved.

(iv) It was decided to entrust to the President to negotiate with Mrs.Pemberton in regard to the hot-water service in the residence at Vaucluse House if raised by her prior to her vacation of the premises.

(v) It was re-affirmed that, if the labour was supplied without cost by the Life Saving Club at Nielsen Park, paint or other materials, as requested by the Club, would be supplied by the Trust to a reasonable amount.

(vi) Mr.Condon mentioned that he would interview the appropriate authority in an endeavour to secure a ferry service to Nielsen during the swimming season, and further asked that aletter be sent to the Trades and Labour Council bringing to their notice the facilities and advantages of holding picnics at Nielsen Park. This was agreed to.

(vii) The Secretary was instructed to inform all applicants for hiring pavilions, that catering facilities existed at Nielsen Park for picnics,etc.

(viii) The President stated that he would obtain an officer to draw up suitable publicity for advertising Vaucluse House.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/6/55, was noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since June meeting to the value of £959.11.0 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £774.0.2 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and recived.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.August,1955, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
W.P.McGrath,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
A.H.Hood (Secretary-Manager).

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.J.Halbert.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th.July,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Department of Education (19/7/55) was received and the President stated he would apply later for similar notices in the Gazette as mentioned.

(ii) Letter from Department of Lands (20/7/55) re appointment of Mr.N.E.Mills was received. The President welcomed Mr.Mills to the meeting as a Trustee representing Woollahra Council.

(iii) Letter from Maritime Services Board (3/8/55) in reference to repairs to the wharf. Expenditure for such repairs was estimated at approximately £450 plus £50 for diver's inspection. Moved by Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Kelly, that the Board be authorised to proceed with the work. Carried.

(iv) Letter from N.S.W.Public Schools' Amateur Athletic Association re visit of school children was read and received.

(v) Report and quote from Department of Public Works in regard to re-arranging of electrical pole at Vaucluse House, was read. As the cost submitted by the Department and by Mr.Allen, Electrician, were prohibitive, it was decided not to proceed with the work. As an alternative, it was resolved to widen the drive by removing portion of adjacent lawn, the work to be carried out by the Trust's employees.

(vi) Letter from Mr.Hall, 16 Olola Avenue, Vaucluse, asking for permission to lop certain trees, was read. It was agreed to allow Mr.Hall to attend to the trees at his own expense and under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) On the suggestion of the President, Mr.Mills was placed on both sub-committees of Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park. Mr.Mills was duly authorised to sign cheques, his specimen signature was obtained for lodgement in the Trust's bank.

(ii) The Secretary asked permission to purchase certain tools for the Trust Motor Truck; Mr/McGrath said he would endeavour to present some from his trucks to the Trust. The tools for drilling machine to stand over for the present.

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CHAIRMAN. Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY. A H Hood

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) The planting of two Ficus Hilleis at Nielsen Park was approved and the President will endeavour to obtain them when the time for planting is due.

(iv) The list of flowering plants submitted by the gardener was approved and authority given to purchase the seeds, so that they may be sown in time for planting out later.

(v) It was agreed that Mr.F.Bussman be permitted to occupy the flat in Vaucluse House when vacant. The Secretary was instructed to give notice to Mrs.Pemberton in the proper form, that the Trustees desired her to vacate the premises by not later than 30th.September,1955.

(vi) The Trustees resolved that Mrs.Buckley and Mrs.Westbrook be complimented on the work carried out in connection with the cleaning of Vaucluse House.

(vii) Approval was given to the appointments of Mr.C.Griffith as garden-labourer on 27th.May,1955, Mr.H.Westbrook, garden-labourer on 14th.June,1955 and Mrs.Joyce Westbrook as cleaner on 29th.June,1955.

(viii) The Government Architect reported that the estimated cost of repairs and renovations to Kiosk residence at Nielsen Park was £700. On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed that the President should:

(a) Negotiate with Manager of Commonwealth Savings Bank, Rose Bay for an overdraft limit of £1000.

(b) If (1) is arranged, inform Mr.McCole and arrange for variation of lease to provide for an increased rental of 30/- (10% of cost of repairs and renovations) as already discussed with Mr/McCole.

(c) If (1 and 2) arranged, inform Government Architect and go ahead with repairs. Any increased rent could take effect from an agreed date - possibly a month after work commences.

(ix) The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr.W.G.White, 34 Parlsey Road, Vaucluse, thanking him for the tiles he gave to the Trust for Nielsen Park, especially when they were so hard to procure.

(x) The President submitted a report from Mr.Best, Secretary-Director of Government Tourist Bureau, pointing out that 24th.November,1955 seemed an appropriate date for the centenary of the Constitution. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr.Best for his letter and to inform him that the President agreed with his suggestion.

FINANCE.

Statements showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/55, was read and noted.

Accounts paid since July meeting to the value of £364.3.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £561.6.8 in the case of Nielsen section were ratified.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.September,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
A.H.Hood. (Secretary-Manager).

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor)

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th.August,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Mrs.N.Rowlands Drummoyne, praising the condition of Vaucluse House was read and the Secretary was instructed to suitably acknowledge.

(ii) Letter from Sir Eric Harrison in reply to representations made to him to have another public telephone installed at Nielsen Park was read and received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) The Secretary was directed to forward a letter of appreciation to the Town Clerk,Woollahra, for work done in connection with clearing lantana from the grounds of Vaucluse Park.

(ii) The President stated he would procure well grown Wistaria plants from Parramatta to be planted at Vaucluse in October. The Secretary was asked to arrange for the necessary preparations to be made for planting.

(iii) The President reported that he was unable to arrange for an overdraft from the Commonwealth Bank. It was agreed that an endeavour should be made for an overdraft of £1000 with another Bank by the President at his discretion and, if obtained, that the Trust's account be transferred to that Bank.

(iv) The President reported that he had been able to obtain a further reduction in the Water Board's account by reason of wastage of water due to faulty pipes.

(v) The advance copy of Balance Sheet, showing a deficit of £38.5.7 at Vaucluse House and £639.18.1 for Nielsen Park, was tabled.

(vi) It was moved by Mr.Mills and seconded by Mr.Miller that the side paddock be opened for parking at Vaucluse on Sunday afternoon during the Wistaria season and a report on the matter to be made by the Secretary at the next meeting as to the use made of the area and whether the Trust would be warranted in continuing the practice with a charge for parking.

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CHAIRMAN. ..... ASSISTANT-SECRETARY.....

9/10/55

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(vii) A request by the Secretary that the House cleaner, Mrs.Westbrook, be permitted to work an hour longer each cleaning day during the busy season, so that the House might be kept in good condition was approved.

(viii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Secretary was authorised to consult Mr.Halbert and Mrs.Roche as to the number of swimming costumes required at Nielsen Park and to negotiate for the purchase of same at the best price obtainable.

(ix) The Secretary was directed to check the printed pamphlet of the contents of Vaucluse House. Quotes for printing would then be obtained after which the President would have the material checked by the Principal Librarian.

(x) Mr.Mills reported that, if so desired, he would obtain the Council's assistance in cutting the grass in the main park and in the area of Vaucluse Bay. The Trust expressed appreciation of Mr.Mills efforts.

(xi) The President reported he had received an advancecheque from the Lands Department for £850 and that he would obtain assessments of rental values of Trust-owned properties.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/55, was read and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since August meeting to the value of £403.1.0 in the case of Vaucluse Section and to the value of £537.18.10 in the case of Nielsen Section were ratified on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN..... ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.October,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
W.P.McGrath,
N.E.Mills,
Mrs.T.E.Schrude (Assistant-Secretary)

APOLOGY. Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller and S.H.Wilson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Moved by Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon, that the following office bearers be elected:-

President. Mr.W.C.Wurth.
Vice President. Mr.S.H.Wilson,
Treasurer. Mr.J.A.Kelly.

Nielsen Park Sub-Committee. The President Ex-officio. Messrs.Condon,McGrath,Miller and Mills.

Vaucluse House and Park Sub-Committee. The President Ex-officio and Messrs.Kelly, Wilson, Miller, Parkes and Mills.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th.September,1955 were confirmed and signed.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Mr.C. .ell, 16 Ola Avenue, Vaucluse (7/10/55) thanking the Trust for having allowed him to lop certain trees in Vaucluse Park, was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Rural Bank of New South Wales, Martin Place, Sydney (23/9/55) advising that the application for overdraft of £1000 had been granted, was read and received. Specimen Signature Form was signed by all Trustees present.

(iii) Letter from Water Board asking concurrence of Trust in carrying out works in Vaucluse Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed to allow the Board to erect ejector and rising main as requested subject to the President seeking the advice of the Crown Solicitor as to Trust's liability or non-liability in the event of claims from persons who may be injured by the manhole.

(iv) Letter from Sydney Ferries Pty.Ltd., in reference to services during 1955/56 season, was read and received.

(v) Letter from St.James Sunday School, Croydon, in regard to cancellation of picnic, was read. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed that the deposit of £1.0.0 be refunded.

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Wallace C. Wurth ..... A.H. Hood

CORRESPONDENCE. (vi) Letter from Sir Eric Harrison in reference to an extra public telephone at Nielsen Park as requested by the Trust, was read and noted.

(vii) The Auditor-General's annual report and balance sheet was received and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) The Assistant-Secretary was instructed to write to Mr.A.H.Hood, expressing the Trustees' regret on hearing of his illness and offering their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

(ii) It was resolved to thank Mr.McRae for obtaining Mens' Costumes at such a low cost, letter to be sent under the President's signature.

(iii) The Assistant-Secretary was directed to obtain from the head-gardener the number of Wistaria plants needed for replacement.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to paint roofs of No.1 Pavilion, Car Shed and Mens' Toilets at Nielsen Park.

(v) Mr.Mills reported that he had discussed with the Woollahra Council the question of periodic cleaning of beach paddock and the paddock attached to Vaucluse House by Council employees and that the Engineer had assured him of his personal attention to the matter. Mr.Mills was thanked for his interest and co-operation.

(vi) On the motion of Mr/McGrath, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to leave the parking area at Vaucluse open as formerly until next meeting when a further report would be submitted and the position reviewed.

(vii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.McGrath, the Trustees confirmed the verbal arrangement made with Mr.McCole that, in consideration of the Trust expending approximately £750 on repairs and renovations to his residence at the Kiosk, the rental be increased by an amount of £1.10.0 per week as from 1st.January,1956. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the necessary variation of the existing lease. The President undertook to make necessary arrangements with the Rent Controller if any action is required.

(viii) The Trustees expressed concern at the delay in obtaining the premises now occupied by Mrs.Pemberton,which are urgently required for occupation by the Head Gardener. It was agreed that the President should see Mrs.Pemberton and impress on her the necessity for early vacation of the premises.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/55, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts amounting to £641.15.11 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to £440.4.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

This is page two of the Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.October,1955.

CHAIRMAN: Wallace C. Wurth ... SECRETARY: A. H. Hood.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's Report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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Chairman. E. Grace Smith Secretary. A. H. Hood

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.November,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
A.H.Hood. (Secretary-Manager)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th.October,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (1) Letter from Mr.K.R.Elder, 29 Olola Avenue,Vaucluse, (12/10/55) in regard to lopping a tree in Vaucluse Park, was read. The Secretary was directed to notify Mr.Elder that approval was granted on condition that the work be carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Secretary to the Trust, that all debris be removed from the site on completion of the work, that Mr.Elder accept all responsibility for, and defray cost of, the undertaking.

(11) Letter from Maritime Services Board (18/10/55) requesting that life saving apparatus be installed at Nielsen Park and forwarding a photograph of the approved type of cabinet necessary to protect buoy from vandalism, was read. It was resolved to thank the Board and to inform them that the work had now been carried out.

(111) Letter from Rural Bank of New South Wales,Head Office, (19/10/55) requesting signatures on two attached forms, of all Trustees and the Secretary, was read. It was decided to ask the Bank to accept the form with the signatures of the Trustees excepting that of Mr.Miller, who was overseas for the next few months.

(iv) Letter from Water Board offering water, free of charge, for toilets at Nielsen Park, subject to the Trust's procuring the services of a licensed plumber to connect the meters satisfactorily, was received. It was resolved that the Secretary obtain quotations for the work according to the specification of the Public Works Department, that such quotations be submitted to Mr.Parkes for consideration, and that, if his approval be forthcoming, the work be commenced immediately. The meeting placed on record its appreciation of the concession granted. The Secretary was directed to write to the Board accordingly.

(v) Letter from Water Board in reply to the Trust's letter of 11th.October,1955, concerning work to be carried out in beach paddock,Vaucluse, was received. Referring to liability in connection with construction of ejector, the Secretary was directed to make enquiries as to whether the Trist wasprotected against any accident in this matter by its existing insurance policies.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....A.H.Hood.....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(vi) Letter from Dr.Ralph, University of Technology, (9/10/55) in reference to treatment of nets, was received. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr.Ralph for his endeavours in finding a safeguard against deterioration of the nets.

(vii) Letter from Dr.Colin Roderick, asking for a loan of certain articles for public display in Angus and Robertson's window, was read. It was agreed to accede to Dr.Roderick's request provided that he indemnify the articles by insurance while in his and Angus and Robertson's custody and that publicity be given to Vaucluse House.

(viii) Letter was received from Mr.Miller's secretary stating that Mr.Miller had departed for London on professional business and would be absent till January, 1956. Leave of absence was granted to Mr.Miller.

(ix) Letter from Mr.L.McCole, Nielsen Park Kiosk, was received requesting a five year lease of Nielsen Park and Vaucluse Kiosks from 1st.January,1956 at weekly rentals of £16.4.0 and £2.0.0 respectively. It was resolved that a new lease be granted, the additional of 30/- per week to be paid as a premium for the granting of the lease, together with the last increase beyond £12.12.0 per week.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Consideration of increase of wages in acccordance with basic wage increase of 10/- for males and 7/6 for females as from first full pay period after 1st.November, 1955, was given. Moved by Mr.Condon, and seconded by Mr.Parkes, that the increase be given to all permanent employees and the wages of casual males be increased by 3d.per hour and by 2½d per hour for females.

(ii) The President reported that Mrs.Pemberton was still in possession of the premises in Vaucluse House. After discussion, Mr.Mills moved and Mr.Condon seconded, that Mrs.Pemberton be given formal notice to vacate premises in two months from date of notice. This was agreed to.

(iii) The President also mentioned that on visiting the House one Sunday morning, he found the House was not open at 10 o'clock. The Secretary was directed to take measures to ensure that the doors were opened to the public at 10 a.m. sharp, and be closed at 5 p.m.

(iv) Mr.Mills reported that the Mayor had approved of the Engineer's staff devoting two days to the cutting of grass in side paddock at Vaucluse House. Mr.Mills and the Secretary were asked to express personally to the Mayor the thanks of the Trust.

(v) Five tenders were submitted for plumbing repairs at the Nielsen Park Kiosk and Mr.Parkes was authorised to select one and advise the Secretary accordingly, so that the work might be carried out by the successful tenderer as soon as possible.

(vi) The type of costumes worn by certain persons on the beach was discussed and the President signified his intention of discussing with the Crown Solicitor as to what action might be taken against persons offending against decency. Moved by Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Condon, that all employees of the Trust on duty be authorised to enforce By-law 30, which is to be exhibited in a prominent position at the dressing sheds. Carried.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....H.Hood.....

GENERAL BUSINESS. (vii) The Secretary was instructed to write to the Medical Siperintendent, Parramatta, Dr.Morgan, thanking him for wistaria and other plants presented to the Trust.

(viii) The President said he would endeavour to procure two trees for Nielsen Park.

(ix) A request from the Life Savers at Nielsen Park for a refund of £40 for purchases of paint and other materials, was deferred until all accounts were received. A further request for sufficient paint to complete the Clubs Rooms was approved, subject to the Secretary conferring with the Trust's painter as to quantity required.

(x) Recreational leave pay to the amount of £14.1.4 due to Mrs.Buckley was approved on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

(xi) The Secretary was directed to instruct the Head Gardener to mow all lawns weekly in the growing season. This work was to be regarded as first priority.

(xii) Moved by Mr.Condon and seconded by Mr.Mills,that in order to obviate the accumulation of leave, overtime payments to be made each pay period to F.Irvine and W.Muncaster as soon as the total amount of overtime worked exceeds 120 hours for each employee.

(xiii) The Secretary was authorised to open the side paddock gates for cars, till otherwise ordered.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/55, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts amounting to £707.4.2 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to the amount of £418.10.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.Wallace C. Smith.....SECRETARY.A.H.Howell.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.December,1955 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
R.C.Condon,
Cobden Parkes,
N.E.Mills,
A.H.Hood. (Secretary-Manager).

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Mr.W.P.McGrath and Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor). Leave was granted to Mr. W.P.McGrath.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th.November,1955 were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Rural Bank of New South Wales, Bondi Junction (23/11/55) advising the Trust that the Overdraft Limit of £1,000 had been established, was read and noted.

(ii) Letter from Department of Lands (6/12/55) informing the Trust of the approval by the Minister of payment of £2,625 to the credit of the Trust,and a memo dated 9/12/55 notifying a further grant of £1,000, was read. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge both letters and to convey to the Minister the thanks and appreciation of the Trust for the extra financial grant.

(iii) Letters from Per.Way and Signalling Workshop and Metropolitan Tramway Employees expressing their thanks to the staff at Nielsen Park for the assistance given during their recent picnics, were read and received.

(iv) Tender from McFarlane and Son for connecting meters to Toilets at Nielsen Park for £48 was read and approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Quotations from the Government Printer for printing 5,000 pamphlets "Vaucluse House Directory" for £18.10.0 was approved.

(ii) An account for £41.7.9 from the Nielsen Life Saving Club for paint and timbrock, was tabled. In view of the Trust's undertaking to pay for paint and timbrock, it was resolved to refund the aforementioned amount and to notify the Club that, in future, no materials were to be purchased without the previous consent of the Trust.

(iii) Mr.Parkes reported that he had inspected the two pictures offered to the Trust by Mrs,O.Doughty, Belmore Park Hotel, but considered them unsuitable for display in Vaucluse House. Mr.Wilson moved and Mr.Kelly seconded, that Mr.Parkes report be approved and a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mrs.Doughty. Carried.

(iv) The Secretary was directed to purchase suitable wool for "pass-outs" at Nielsen as soon as the sub-committee had completed investigations on pass-outs, but in the meantime was to test cheaper types.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY A. H. Hood

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(v) It was decided to have the willow-tree (referred to in the gardener's report) removed. Mr.Mills intimated he would try to secure the services of Woollahra Council's hoist to facilitate removal of tree.

(vi) Mr.Mills moved, seconded by Mr.Condon, that the Department of the Interior be requested to repair roadway and to cut back lantana on road leading to Radar Station at Steel Point; a copy of letter to be sent to the Department of Works and Housing and to Mr.Cobden Parkes. Carried.

(vii) Mr.Kelly asked whether more refuse containers should be placed at convenient places in Beach Paddock and near Life Saver's quarters at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was directed to report on this matter so far as the Beach Paddock is concerned. Mr.Condon will obtain the views of the Nielsen Park Sub-committee.

(viii) At the request of the President, it was agreed that the Committee which had already reported on the Trust's organization, comprising Messrs.Wilson,Kelly a nd Condon with himself added, should investigate further the possibility of reducing running and overhead expenses. The Secretary was instructed to submit a report as to ways and means of reducing expenditure, such report to be available to the Committee.

(ix) Mr.Kelly moved, Mr.Wilson seconded, that charges for admission to Vaucluse House be increased to 1/6 for Adults and 6d. for children, on and from Saturday, 17th. December,1955. Carried.

(x) Moved by Mr.Mills and seconded by Mr.Condon, that the admission charges to swimming enclosure at Nielsen Park be increased as follows:

Adults 1/-, Children 6d., Lockers 9d.,Cubicles 2/-, on and from Saturday,17th.December,1955. And that the Sub-Committee consider the matter of "pass-outs"and report to next meeting. Carried.

(xi) It was agreed that when reservations for summer houses are requested from Monday to Friday a booking fee of 2/6 be charged for these days and 5/- for Saturday.

(xii) The Secretary was instructed to interview the Tourist Companies with a view, if possible, of arriving at an arrangement whereby the Companies would charge tourists an additional amount to cover the admission charge of 1/6 to Vaucluse House in their itinerary charges, the Trust to allow the Companies a reasonable commission.

(xiii) It was resolved that the Trust's policy, that the Pavilions at Nielsen Park are not to be used for night functions, was to be continued.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/55, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts amounting to £815.3.8 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to £580.10.8 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

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CHAIRMAN Walter C. Wurth SECRETARY .....

SECRETARY'S REPORTS. The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.5. a.m.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Smith SECRETARY .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.January,1956.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
A.H.Hood. (Secretary-Manager)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.W.P.McGrath and leave was granted him on account of illness.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th.December,1955, were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from West Ryde Baptist Sunday School asking for rebate of charge made on two tents, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wilson,seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was agreed that the same rate of rebate be allowed on the tents as on pavilions. Carried.

(ii) Letter from Department of Navy (15/12/55) concerning the erection of permanent camera position in Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed that permission be granted, provided that no liability be incurred by the Trust.

(iii) Letter from Metropolitan Water,Sewerage and Drainage Board (4/1/56) in reference to leases,etc. on the Trust properties, was received. The meeting decided that the necessary information be furnished.

(iv) Letter from Young Australia League regarding the number of children likely to visit Vaucluse House was received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Report by the Secretary of interviews with Coach Companies regarding the sale of admission tickets, was received. The President stated he would discuss the possibility of the Government Tourist Bureau selling admission tickets to the House in conjunction with touring tickets sold on behalf of each company. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the matter was left to the President.

(ii) Copy of a letter sent to Mr.L.Gruzman demanding an explanation of removal of gates of the Beach Paddock in contravention of the Trust's by-laws,was read. The action taken was approved on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

CHAIRMAN.Wallace C. Wurth ACTING-SECRETARY.....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed that new iron be purchased for one side of the roof of No.1 Pavilion, the labour to be done by employees of the Trust.

(iv) The President reported that as the heavy seas had rendered the swimming enclosure unsafe for bathing, admission charges to the dressing sheds had been reduced to 6d,for Adults and 3d.for Children. These reductions would be operative until the shark nets were restored. This action was approved. It was agreed that the advice of the Maritime Services Board be followed as to the position of the new piles.

(v) The President asked the Trustees to consider before the next meeting whether, contingent upon their willingness to co-operate, maintenance of the Beach Paddock should be transferred to the Woollahra Municipal Council.

(vi) It was agreed, on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Mills, that after the notice to quit expires on January,15th, the matter of obtaining vacant possession of the flat in Vaucluse House be placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

(vii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was agreed that the former resolution re booking fee for tables and summer houses at Nielsen Park on week days be rescinded and that the existing charges be continued.

(viii) It was resolved that the President and Mr.Parkes be empowered to discuss with the authorities the arrangements contemplated for the centenary of responsible Government and the part the Trust might take in such arrangements. It was agreed that the President, Mr.Parkes and Mr.Mills explore the possibility of arranging other suitable functions in the grounds of Vaucluse House during the year.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/12//55, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts amounting to £630.7.1 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to £331.9.1 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS.

The Secretary's reports (2) were read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....ACTING-SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.February,1956.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.A.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
A.J.Condon,
N.E.Mills.
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Acting-Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th.January,1956, were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Resignation of Mr.A.H.Hood, Secretary-Manager, and the President's letter of acceptance were read and confirmed, on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

(ii) Letter from Mr.Hughson, 72 Cambridge Avenue, Vaucluse (1/2/56) in reference to the tubular Float at Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, the Acting-Secretary was instructed to thank Mr.Hughson for his letter and to inform him that the position of the float was due to abnormally heavy seas.

(iii) Letter from the Department of the Interior and reply thereto relating to the condition of road leading to Steel Point were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Wilson.

(iv) Letter from C.Armitage, 2/2 Machine Gun Btn.Aesocn. (8/2/56) requesting permission to use a train at the Association's picnic in Nielsen Park on 12th.May,1956, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes, permission was granted.

(v) Letter and photos were received from Government Tourist Bureau. Mr.Condon moved and Mr.Parkes seconded, that copies of each photo be printed and that a request for the negatives be submitted to the Tourist Bureau.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) The offer by Professor Murray (45 Vaucluse Road, Vaucluse) to present to Vaucluse House a photo of his late father, Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, M.L.A., was acceded to and on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the Acting-Secretary was instructed to convey to Professor Murray the Trust's appreciation of his gift.

(ii) It was resolved, on the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, to accept a brass lamp, presented by Mr.L.Yeatman, South Cessnock, and formerly used on a Cobb and Co.coach.

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Wallace C. Wurth
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was resolved that a quote of 5/- per lb by Port and Port for wool to be used as pass-out checks be accepted, subject to a sample of the wool being inspected, and its suitability recommended by the foreman of Nielsen Park.

(iv) The President stated he had instructed the Acting-Secretary to order six Carley Floats through the Government Stores. This action was endorsed by the meeting, on the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills.

(v) The President stated he had arranged for a letter to be forwarded to the Woollahra Council requesting the use of its bulldozer to clear the tip at Nielsen Park. The President's action was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Miller.

(vi) A fire in the Painter's Store at Nielsen Park during lunch-hour of Wednesday, 25th.January,1956, cause of which is unknown, was reported to the meeting. The Government Insurance Office had been notified of the fire and an assessor had inspected the damage on Thursday, 2nd.February. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided not to rebuild the store.

(vii) The Acting-Secretary reported that:

(1) the Iron for repairing roof of one side of No.1 Pavilion had been received from Fox Brothers on Wednesday, 1st.February,'56.

(2) Plumbing repairs to Nielsen Park Kiosk commenced on Wednesday, 1st.February,1956, but, owing to inclement weather, only one day's work had been done.

(3) Coogee Life Savers had damaged a 12' net at Nielsen Park, estimated damage £5, letter had been forwarded to the Club requesting payment of this amount.

(viii) A request by the Marist Brothers' School, Paul Street, Woollahra, to reduce the admission charge for children to 3d.for swimming sports was refused on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

(ix) The President reported:

(1) That, because they were a nuisance, bees had been removed from Vaucluse House by the Department of Agriculture. This action was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Mills.

(2) He hoped to obtain gravel for the Olola Avenue Drive free of charge, from Berrima Gaol. Transport from Berrima to Vaucluse was a difficulty that remained to be overcome. Even so, it would be more economical to procure gravel from Berrima in preference to Bowral, where it had been obtained in the past. It was unlikely that cost of transport from Berrima would be as high as £10 per ton, the present cost of gravel from Bowral. This proposal was approved on the motion of Mr.Parkes, supported by Mr.Mills.

.....PRESIDENT.....

NERAL BUSINESS.

(3) Request for new or more suitable equipment for the gardeners are made from time to time and he proposed, if the Trustees agreed, to arrange for a qualified officer of the Botanic Gardens to inspect existing equipment and report as to its suitability and as to any new equipment considered desirable for the better carrying out of the work. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the President's proposal was approved.

(4) The efficiency and time-saving qualities of a Hartson Sweeper for Vaucluse House were brought to the notice of the Trustees. The cost of the Sweeper is £12.12.6. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, to arrange a demonstration by the Clyde Sales Pty.Ltd.,agents for the sweeper, and, if satisfactory, purchase be authorised.

(x) It was agreed on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Wilson, to permit until further notice the paddock gates of Vaucluse Park to remain open from 10 a.m. instead of from 1 p.m. as formerly, on Sundays. The Acting-Secretary to report in due course as to the use made of the paddock.

(xi) Mrs.Pemberton, who was occupying the residence at Vaucluse House was interviewed by the Trustees and requested to vacate the premises by 27th.February,1956.

(xii) After an inspection and treatment by the Department of Public Works at Vaucluse House for white ants and borers the Departmental officer reported that one of the show cases in the Constitution Room had been irreparably destroyed by borers abd suggested a new case should be made. It was decided that the Trust's carpenter be instructed to attend to the matter as soon as practicable.

(xiii) Following numerous requests by visitors to Vaucluse House for a bus shelter adjoining the front entrance in Wentworth Road the Acting-Secretary was instructed to inform the Woollahra Council of the need for a shelter and of the representations made thereon to the Trust by visitors.

(xiv) A report by the foreman of Nielsen Park on the damage to Nets during the recent storms and on the fire in Painter's Store, was read and received.

(xv) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the dismissal of G.Doyle and the engagement of G.Holmes was confirmed.

(xvi) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was agreed to pay H.Westbrook 10/- per week as from 14th.January,1956, for use of his own car for banking purposes.

(xvii) Consideration of staff organization..... A copy of the President's report, copy herewith, with suggestions as to staff re-organization and general management of the Trust's properties had previously been forwarded to all Trustees prior to this meeting. After discussion, on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, the suggestions contained in the report were approved in

Chairman.....

GENERAL BUSINESS. principle, subject to details where necessary being considered by each sub-committee and the matter of the occupancy of the flat in the House to be further considered at the next meeting.

(xviii) Cottage - Steel Point. As the present tenant, Mrs.P.Roche, was only engaged during winter months in the Dressing Sheds, occupancy at Steel Point should be given to a full-time employee. It was agreed on the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, to ask Mrs.Roche for vacant possession at an early date.

(xiv) Inspection by Trust's Sub-Committees. The President's suggestion that (a) both Committees should make regular inspections, (b) that the Chairman of each Committee be authorised to issue instructions for work to be done and (c) on more important matters to confer with the President, was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

(xx) Moved by Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, that Mr.Condon be appointed as acting-chairman on the Nielsen Park Sub-Committee during Mr.McGrath's indisposition.

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(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at the close of business on 31/1/56, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts amounting to £778.3.1 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to £359.13.6 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....

NIELSEN - VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

(President's Report to Trustees)

1. Condition of Trust Property -

I am of the opinion that, with one exception, there has been a deterioration in the condition of the area under the Trust's supervision during the last year.

This exception is the interior of the House, which, so far as cleanliness and general appearance is concerned, is, I think, better than it has been for many years.

This cannot be said, however, of the appearance of the grounds. Cutting of grass and edges is neglected both at the House and at Nielsen Park and the lawns generally, which were a feature of the House, very often show this neglect. Much grass cutting previously carried out fairly regularly at Nielsen Park, and in the more remote parts of the House grounds, is not now done at all or only when numerous and specific directions are given. The Beach paddock has not been touched for months, except for the work done by the Council; the same applies to the paddock between Wentworth Road and Olola Avenue.

2. Reasons for deterioration

There are many reasons for the deterioration, including bad weather, shortage of staff due to unfilled vacancies and so on. But the principal cause is lack of proper management, some of which is due to the loss of a very hard working Head Gardener at Vaucluse House and his replacement by a very good gardener, but who is not methodical in his allocation of work to the employees under his control or in his approach to the routine work which it is vital must be carried out regularly. The overall management, however, for many years has also been unsatisfactory. When one Foreman held the office of Secretary also, because of his lack of Secretarial training, the office work was neglected. His two successors were not working managers, a luxury we cannot a ford. In my opinion, if we have a Secretary-Manager he must do all the office work plus general supervision or be an outside working supervisor.

I do not feel we will succeed in obtaining such an employee at the wage we can afford. In any event, I feel we can arrive at a satisfactory solution by other means, and at far less cost. (Referred to later)

3. General methods need improvement

But apart from the deterioration referred to, I consider our methods generally should be revised. The Trust cannot afford to spend more than it is now spending on wages (increasing regularly as they are) and therefore we should endeavour to make full use of our existing labour force to carry out necessary work now neglected or not done at all. Some of the ways in which this could be done are -

(a) Arrange for an adequate reserve of new nets so that mending and cleaning during the busy (and growing) season could be reduced to a minimum.

At present a good deal of the men's time at Nielsen Park is taken up with making and repairing nets, time that could be well spent in maintaining the buildings, cleaning up, and general maintenance - not only in the immediate Park but also round Steel Point reserve and Bottle and Glass. Admittedly emergencies will occur, mostly due to bad weather, and a certain amount of work of repairing nets must be available to keep the men employed fully when weather prevents outside work.

(b) Arrange that the Foreman at Nielsen Park is relieved as far as possible from weekend and holiday work.

At present the Foreman is in charge of the sheds at all weekends and on public holidays. He receives extra payment and extra leave for this, but I have no doubt he will receive more if and when a claim is made to the Arbitration Court. A lot of his time in the past has been standing by, but this will not help us when a claim is made.

I am of the opinion that, for the same amount (or perhaps less) as we now pay the Foreman, we should be able to secure the services of a trustworthy man who

will take charge of the sheds on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, thus relieving the Foreman to supervise and work on other duties for a full 40 hours a week, which I suggest should be worked in 5½ days from Monday to Saturday.

(c) All resident employees should be required to be on duty from Monday to Saturday (5 days).

The case of the Foreman has already been referred to. The labourer in the Cottage at Vaucluse House could very profitably be employed on Saturday mornings in finishing off grass cutting and cleaning up generally so that the House and grounds will be in good order for weekend visitors. In this connection, the regular casual at the House could, in my opinion, be required to do more than he now does and Westbrook could be held responsible for this.

(d) Supply of more suitable tools.

Certain suggestions have been made that we do not supply staff with the best tools, e.g. wider brooms, a mechanical sweeper, rotary mower. This aspect requires urgent review.

(e) Necessary routine jobs should be regularly attended to on fixed days.

Notwithstanding repeated attempts by the Trustees, a statement of duties, and allocation of those duties to fixed times, has never been produced by any Secretary. Examples of the necessity for this to be insisted on are numerous. Recently I have insisted on certain lawns being cut once a week, others once every three weeks; we want the running track at Nielsen Park cut regularly - I should say at least once a fortnight in the growing season; the other parts of Nielsen Park should, perhaps, be cut once a month; the lantana on the road should be cut back once a year, and so on.

(f) Regular inspection of building necessary and small repairs made at once by Carpenter to avoid heavy and unnecessary later expense.

Mr. Parkes has expressed his willingness, and it has been arranged, that he will accompany the Carpenter round the buildings and show him small jobs of maintenance that should be attended to as a routine matter. As a matter of fact, unless sent for to do a special job, the Carpenter does not attend Vaucluse House. It has been arranged that he will go there once a week to inspect and attend to minor maintenance jobs he finds require doing.

(g) Occupancy of residences by employees best able to assist in administration of Trust not always insisted upon.

At present we have two residences not used to the best advantage. That at Steel Point is occupied by Mr. Roche, a casual employee. In my view we should let it to a full-time employee, preferably one with a family some of whose members could take casual weekend and holiday work in the season. The fact that this has been the case with Irvine and Westbrook has been of great assistance.

So far as the House flat is concerned, in the past it was occupied by the Foreman, who had little interest in the House. We intended that the Head Gardener should take it over when Mrs. Pemberton vacated it, but I would urge the Trustees not to proceed with this proposal. The Head Gardener is not one who controls staff well, and in any event, I feel we should have living on the premises one, preferably the Secretary, who will have an interest in the House as well as the grounds and who, living there, will be on the alert to ensure that a regular upkeep routine is followed in connection with the maintenance and general care of the property for which we are responsible.

4. Suggestions for Trustees' Consideration.

(a) The foregoing suggestions are submitted for the Trustees' consideration.

(b) In addition, in the light of what I have said regarding the necessity for closer supervision, I suggest that each Trust Committee should make regular inspections and reports on the parts of the Trust under its jurisdiction and the Chairmen of both Committees and the President should confer regularly on all matters affecting the Trust.

I would also suggest that the Chairman of each Committee be authorised to issue instructions as to work to be done, and methods to be followed - in more major matters, and in matters affecting both sections of the Trust, perhaps after consultation with the President.

5. Conclusion.

I have not referred in the foregoing to the display &c. of the contents of the House. The Trust has already approved of this being reported on in detail by the Principal Librarian and his staff and it has not been possible for this to be done. I hope to be able to arrange for it in the course of the next few months.

Wallace E. Smith

President.
7th February, 1956.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

VAUCLUSE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

Meeting of Sub-Committee held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 4th.March, 1956 at 10 a.m.

Present. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
L.S.Hall,
Cobden Parkes,
Mrs.T.E.Schrude (acting-secretary).

Reports by Mr.R.Garbutt (Public Service Board) and Messrs.Anderson and Grant (Botanic Gardens) were discussed and the following recommendations made:

(1) That the Hartson Sweeper (£12.10.0) and Victa Rotary Mower (£43) be purchased.

(2) That the Acting-Secretary (a) obtain quotes from contractors for cutting grass in cottage paddock (b) make enquiries about the purchase of nine more sheep which, together with the eleven sheep already owned by the Trust,might keep grass in check in outer parks and in cottage paddock, after initial cutting by contractors (see para.(2a)), (c) obtain quotes for spraying machine.

An inquiry from Mr.Best (Government Tourist Activities) as to what form of celebration the Trust contemplated for the Centenary of Responsible Government was considered. It was decided to communicate with the Centenary Committee in order to ascertain whether any programme had been drawn up, whether Vaucluse House was included in that programme and, if so, whether funds are likely to be made available.

Mr.Parkes suggested that new show cases replace those already damaged by borers in the Constitution Room and that the assistance of the Museum authorities be enlisted to this end.

It was agreed to write to Woollahra Municipal Council confirming Acting-Secretary's request by telephone of the urgent need for eradication of Paspalum in Olola Avenue, as there was the ever-increasing danger of the lawns of Vaucluse House being inseminated. (Mr.Grant mentioned this during his recent visit to the House).

The Chairman considered it advisable to keep load of gravel of the same type as now in use always on hand for the Olola Avenue Drive.

It was agreed that the car entrance in beach paddock be closed permanently and that the Trust's carpenter be instructed to make gate secure.

The latter part of the meeting was devoted to an inspection of the property by the members of the Sub-Committee. Certain imprpvements in the flat above kitchen were deemed necessary and Mr.Parkes was empowered to make recommendations for this purpose. Since the wood-work in guard-house is in an advanced state of disrepair, the Acting-Secretary was instructed to procure quotes to repair or replace [illegible] and, after inspection by Mr.Parkes, was asked to make a comprehensive inspection and report on the matter. It was also agreed that wire should replace the tin on gate between [illegible] all costs be borne by Westbrook.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.April,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
[redacted]
Cobden Parkes,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
N.M.Mills,
Mrs.P.E.Schrade (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.W.P.McGrath. The President reported that, owing to ill health, Mr.McGrath contemplated tendering his resignation.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th.March were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

(1) Sheep. The Department of Agriculture had offered to loan to the Trust nine sheep from the Agriculture College, Hawkesbury - the Trust's gardeners will take delivery of these on Tuesday, 10th.April. The offer was accepted.

(2) Heater. The Secretary reported that on production of receipt of final payment of Ascot Heater by Mrs.Penberton to Gas Company, a cheque for £60 was paid and accepted by Mrs.Penberton in accordance with the Trust's decision.

(3) Showcases. Mr.Parkes submitted a sketch of four cases which the Australian Museum would make available to the Trust. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Trustees agreed to accept the showcases.

(4) Fence-V.Park. The President recalled minutes of meeting held on 8.2.53 at which a motion was passed, authorising the planting of a Photinia Glibra Rubrena hedge to cover fence between Wentworth Road and Toilets in Vaucluse Park. This work had never been carried out. It was resolved that the Secretary instruct the Head Gardener to plant this hedge forthwith. In the meantime theiron on fence is to be straightened when time permitted during the winter months. Mr.Halbert was asked to inspect gates adjoining kiosk and toilets and have them repaired if possible.

(5) Piano. The Secretary reported that she had ascertained that the piano at Vaucluse Kiosk was the property of Mr/McCole and that, because of its dilapidated condition the piano was now in store.

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(6) Basin, The Secretary reported that a new basin had been procured and installed in Nielsen Kiosk during the past week.

7) Gravel. Owing to the recent rains the President had been informed that there was no gravel available at Berrima. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Secretary was instructed to obtain four tons of gravel from Aspinall and Co.

8) Road- Steel Pt. The President reported that Mr.Snellgrove,Department of the Interior had again been interviewed and had reported to the President that he could not obtain any satisfaction from the Department of the Navy in regard to their keeping the growth of lantana under control. The Secretary was directed to write another letter to the Department of the Navy, pointing out the clause in agreement stating that it was the Navy's responsibility to keep the road in good order and to provide a suitable turnaround for cars.

RRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Lands (20/3/56) acknowledging President's letter of notification of Mr.Hood's resignation and Mrs.Schrude's appointment as Secretary, was read and noted.

(ii) Letters to Premier and Minister for Education sent by President and replies thereto, were read and received.

(iii) Letter from St.Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School, Parramatta (26/3/56) requesting refund of pavilion booking, was read. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Miller, the request was granted.

(iv) Letter from Engineer, Postmaster General's Department (26/3/56) asking Trust's permission to extend cable in Nielsen Park, was read. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the permission was given, provided that the Park be left in good condition on completion of work.

NERAL BUSINESS. (i) Question of repairs to front pillar facing Olola Avenue entrance. It was agreed to ask Mr.Parkes to inspect same.

(ii) Consideration of the proposed programme of work to be carried out during the winter season was referred to the sub-committee for consideration.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at the close of business on 31/3/56 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly,seconded by Mr.Wilson, accounts amounting to £659.19.9 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £510.18.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

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CHAIRMAN. Wallace C. Wurth ..Secretary.....

[illegible]. The Secretary's report was read and discussed. Letters under discussion were as follows:

(i) Grass Cutting. A quote from Mr.Batten,Edgecliff, for a total of £240 was received but,in view of the high cost,the Meeting decided to take no further action. It was decided,instead,to leave it to the President to secure the services of a labourer and to use the Trust's own tools,if necessary,in carrying out the work,both in cottage and beach paddocks.

(ii) Shelter in Vaucluse cottage-paddock. The Trust's carpenter was directed to inspect this building and report to the Secretary as to what he considered the best way of repairing it.

(iii) Sign - Petrarch Avenue. Mr.Mills reported that he had been in communication with the Council's Engineer who had informed him that the sign would be moved further into Hopetoun Avenue and a sign painted on both sides of the board.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. The President read a letter received from P.Bussman, Head Gardener,requesting an increase in wages. On the notion of Mr.Kelly,seconded by Mr.Miller,it was decided to increase Bussman's travelling allowance from 5/- weekly to 25/-,pending cottage at Steel Point becoming available;the increase to become operative as from 25th. February,the date on which Mrs.Pemberton vacated the flat. The Secretary's suggestion that Bussman report to her each week all duties performed by the gardeners and that she prepare a monthly report therefrom,was adopted.

The President reported that Mrs.Buckley,week-end cashier, had resigned and that Mrs.Westbrook was acting in her stead until other arrangements could be made.

On the notion of Mr.Parkes,seconded by Mr.Condon,it was agreed to transfer laundry from the upstairs flat in House to Taylor's Room,at a cost of £53.10.0.

It was resolved,on the notion of Mr.Mills,seconded by Mr.Kelly,to defray the cost of installing Mrs.Schmude's electric stove in flat. The cost of installation by Allen's Electrical Co. was £27.

The Meeting decided that,when the beach paddock had been cleared,a cost of 2/- parking fee be collected by the House attendant at week-ends. It was decided that,when time permitted,the fences surrounding the beach paddock and park paddock be repaired and painted.

The Secretary was directed to instruct the Trust's sign-writer to place the word "please" on all prohibition signs,both at Vaucluse and Nielsen Park and to repaint the signs on Wentworth Road.

Chairman.Walter C. Wurth...Secretary.[illegible]

OTHER MATTERS.

Notice boards showing the closing of gates at 5 p.m. were to be placed on all main entrances in Vaucluse Park.

On the motion of Mr.Hills, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was decided to arrange for roses to be planted in June of next year in the two beds nearest to Wentworth Road. The Head Gardener to be instructed to plant cuttings of present roses when the time was suitable. The President agreed to endeavour to procure some advanced roses from the Botanic Gardens.

In reference to the sub-committee's report that the Water Board had carried out work in beach paddock without the knowledge of the Trust, the President recalled that, on 10th. October, 1955, the Trust had given permission to the Water Board to erect an ejector and rising main in the beach paddock, on condition that the Park be left in good order and subject to the Trust being indemnified against any injury to the public.

Condition of Vaucluse House and surrounding properties.

In deference to the wishes of the Trustees, Mr. Parkes had prepared a comprehensive report on the necessary works needed for the maintenance of Vaucluse House and its adjacent properties. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the report was adopted, and it was decided to approach the Lands Department in order to obtain a special grant for the work to be put in hand. On behalf of the Trustees, Mr.Miller expressed appreciation to Mr. Parkes for the excellent report he had prepared.

MEETING CLOSED. The Meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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HULME-VALLEYFIELD PARK PAVILION.

In accordance with a Resolution adopted at the Meeting of Members on 7th April last, the members of the Hulme Park Sub-Committee met at the Pavilion for the purpose of reviewing proposals for work to be carried out during the winter season.

[illegible] Messrs. Parkes and Halbert in an advisory capacity.

[illegible] The question of [illegible] roof requiring approximately 60' of 9" lead was not considered necessary and it is recommended that repairs only be effected.

[illegible] The replacing of rafters, battens and iron on roof was confirmed, but it is recommended that the rainwater be repaired [illegible] and subsequently replaced by iron.

[illegible] The painting of the interior of this pavilion is not recommended, but it is suggested that the painting of the tops of tubular [illegible] in various colours would relieve the dreariness.

[illegible] Consideration was given to the suitability of P.V.I.C. Cable but inspection having proved this to be unsatisfactory, there is no alternative but to recommend that new cable be purchased.

[illegible] With reference to the painting of the entrance to Sheds, Dressing Rooms and Lockers, it is recommended that the entrance to sheds be painted pale green and the two bottom rows of lockers, numbered 444 to 471 be washed, and if that does not prove satisfactory, painted.

[illegible] Whilst this matter was not included in the list of proposed work, the guttering at the rear entrance to the Dressing Sheds was found to be in a very bad state. It is recommended that the guttering be replaced.

[illegible] With reference to the proposal to concrete the floor of the Dressing Sheds and the question of demolition or re-building of Lock Shed, it is recommended that both these matters be stood over for the present.

[illegible] With reference to the inclement weather and the fact that the run of work [illegible], no inspection was made re faulty tiles, etc.

[illegible] The question of uniform locks in the Womens' Dressing Sheds is referred to Local Committee in accordance with a decision of the Trustees.

[illegible] The closet in the retiring room of the Pavilion, the painting of the new gates and the clearing of undergrowth is referred to the Foreman. The lopping of trees is carried out as required.

[illegible] An estimate of the cost of the work involved was available with the exception of the cost of the new cable for enclosure which is approx. £115. However, as the labour would be performed by the employees of the Trust, if the recommendations of the sub-committee are adopted, the cost would be for materials only, which it is considered would be in the vicinity of £200 including the cost of the new cable.

The committee desires to record its appreciation of the assistance given by Messrs. Parkes and Halbert.

R.C.CONDON. Chairman.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

MINUTES of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.March,1956.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S. [illegible],
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
[illegible],
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Acting-Secretary).

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.W.P.McGrath.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th.February,1956, were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) A claim for £2.19.11 was received from Miss M.Hall, 285a Military Road, Dover Heights (14/2/56) for shoes alleged to have been stolen from a cubicle at Nielsen Park. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed that, as the lock on the cubicle was faulty, the claim be paid.

(ii) A letter from Coogee Life Saving Club remitting a cheque for £5 as compensation for damage caused to net by the Club's surf boat was received.

(iii) A notification from Woollahra Municipal Council that Council's bulldozer when available may be hired by the Trust was received and the Trustees directed that arrangements be made as early as possible to obtain the bulldozer - Mr.Halbert to arrange for as many men as could be spared to assist so as to ensure that the rubbish tip is properly cleaned up.

(iv) A reply by the Woollahra Municipal Council to Trust's request that a bus shelter be erected in Wentworth Road was received.

(v) A letter from the Department of the Interior in reference to maintenance of road to Shark Point Reserve was considered. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed that the President contact Mr.Snellgrove, Department of the Interior and that Mr.Parkes keep in contact with the engineer of the Public Works Department with a view to reconsideration being given to this matter.

(vi) An application was received from Brother Venard, Director of Marist Brothers' College, Bondi Beach, for reduced admission charges for "groups of school children accompanied by teacher". On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the acting-secretary was instructed to inform Brother Venard that the Trust will review the position and communicate with him later. The matter was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee, which was asked to report back to the monthly meeting with a recommendation as to the alteration, if any, of the present charges made to groups of school children and also for season tickets. The acting-secretary was also instructed to inform Brother Vincent, Marist Brothers' School, Bondi Junction, of the Trust's intention of reviewing admission charges.

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(vii) A communication from the Government Insurance Office regarding the destruction by fire of the paint store in Nielsen Park on 25th.January,1956, was considered. The acting-secretary was directed (a) to obtain a statement from Messrs.Halbert,Stewart and Clarke furnishing the approximate date on which store was erected (b) to send this statement to the Government Insurance Office, together with a cheque for £2.11.8 in payment of premium as requested (c) to ask Government Insurance Office to draw up a comprehensive policy providing cover for all buildings in Nielsen Park, the said comprehensive policy to supersede single policies covering each building as at present.

(viii) A folder, with explanatory enclosure, from the Government Tourist Bureau, setting out suggestions for publicising in collaboration with the Vaucluse House the Centenary of Responsible Government was presented by the President. It was moved by Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, that the President arrange publication of the submitted literature, and inter alia, discuss with the Tourist Bureau the estimated cost of printing and the advisability of making the folder available for sale at Vaucluse House.

NERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Report of Vaucluse House Sub-Committee, copy attached. On the notion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Miller, the recommendations made by Vaucluse Sub-Committee on 4th.March,1956 were adopted, subject to:

(a) The existing arrangements for locking gate in beach paddock being adhered to for the time being and that, in the meantime, the sub-committee inspect the paddock and report to the next meeting.

(b) If gravel for Olola Avenue Drive be unobtainable from Berrima within a reasonable time necessary supplies be obtained from Bowral.

(c) Mr.Parkes informed the meeting that he had been asked by the Sub-Committee to prepare a comprehensive report of repairs needed to Vaucluse properties and the report would be completed for the next meeting of the Trust.

(ii) Centenary of responsible Government.

On the notion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was agreed that the President write to the Premier to arrange for an official function to be held at Vaucluse House in connection with the celebration of the establishment of responsible Government. It was also resolved that the President suggest to the Education Department that one or more days be set aside for functions at Vaucluse House in which school children might be enabled to commemorate the Centenary.

(iii) The suggestion of Mr.Parkes that, if possible, two display cases for the Constitution Room be acquired from the Museum or elsewhere was endorsed and the President stated that he would make enquiries of the Museum authorities to that end.

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NERAL BUSINESS.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Wilson the engagement of N.Hadden (labourer) to replace G.Holmes at Nielsen Park was confirmed.

(v) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller it was decided that, provided Mrs.Pemberton produce final receipt, Sixty Pounds (£60.0.0) be offered to her as purchase payment for Ascot Heater installed in the flat at Vaucluse House.

(vi) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to appoint Mrs.T.E.Schrude as secretary of the Trust.

(vii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon the occupancy of the flat at Vaucluse House, at the pleasure of the Trust, was given to Mrs.Schrude at a rental of 10/- per week.

(viii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Mills it was decided that nine sheep be procured for Vaucluse Park from either the Department of Agriculture or from Pitt, Son and Badgery. The President was asked to negotiate with the Department of Agriculture in the first instance.

(ix) To ensure that the 17" Atco Mower be used equitably on the two properties controlled by the Trust the President reported that he had instructed the acting-secretary to see that Irvine and Bussman come to an immediate agreement as to which days the mower was needed at Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park respectively and that the terms of this agreement be strictly observed.

(x) It was decided to paint,and repair where necessary, the seats in park and on verandahs of Vaucluse House during the winter season.

(xi) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was decided to dispose of the piano at Vaucluse Kiosk, subject to the Trust ownership being established. The acting-secretary was directed to secure two offers for piano.

(xii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson,seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to purchase a wash-basin for residence in Nielsen Park Kiosk to replace damaged basin now in use.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 29/2/56, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts amounting to £608.9.9 in the case of Nielsen Park Section and to £307.5.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

TING-SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Acting-Secretary's report was read and discussed.

ENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

TING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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William P. Wentworth ....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.May,1956.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
Cobden Parkes,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present/

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th.April,1956 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that Mr.W.P.McGrath had tendered to the Minister for Lands his resignation from the Trust. The Secretary was directed to express to Mr.McGrath the Trust's regret in his resignation and appreciation for his services during membership of the Trust. Furthermore, the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr.McGrath that he would be allowed free access to the Dressing Sheds during the swimming season and, when he was the occupant, his car could be driven into grounds. The Secretary was also instructed to notify employees that this was a privilege to be accorded only to Mr.and Mrs.McGrath.

It was unanimously agreed that it should be represented to the Minister that the candidate selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr.McGrath should possess a knowledge of history and that Mr.Yelland, Deputy Director of Secondary Education would be a suitable selection. On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was resolved that the recommendation be made to the Minister for Lands.

The Trustees were advised that, to celebrate the centenary of responsible government, Dr.C.H.Currey would give an address at Vaucluse House on Wednesday, 23rd.May. Invitations were to be issued and the guests invited to afternoon tea in the Kiosk immediately after the address. Mr.Parkes offered his services in attending to the amplifying arrangements and the flags for erection. Mr.Mills volunteered to inform the local newspapers and to procure the necessary bunting. It was agreed that the President should introduce Dr.Currey and Mr.Miller move the vote of thanks, that on the day, admission to the House would be free, and that the attendant and cashier be on duty.

To expedite the cutting of grass in cottage and beach paddocks the President informed the meeting that he had arranged with the University of Technology to hire the tractor at a rental of about £5 plus the driver's wage, for one week. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Wilson.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the head gardener that when the grass in cottage paddock had been cut the sheep were to be kept there as well as in the outer park.

Owing to the extra work in the Park for the centenary celebration it was agreed to employ Barry Westbrook at the rate of 5/- per hour.

Mr.Parkes reported that the cases from the Museum would be in the Constitution Room in time for the celebration.

Mr.Halbert informed the President that he considered the displaced pillar at the entrance to the Olola Avenue drive could be moved into its former position and the meeting agreed to entrust supervision of this work to him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Letter from Maritime Services Board in reference to enclosure alterations and wharf repairs. On the notion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved to accept the advice of the Board subject to an engineer from Harbours and Rivers inspecting enclosure and agreeing with the proposal. It was also agreed to meet the total cost of £850.

(ii) Letter from Government Stores Department re the purchase of floats was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from the Department of the Navy in reference to cost of Carley Floats was read and noted.

(iv) Letter from Dr.Ralph reporting on tests carried out on nets was read and received.

(v) Letter from Woollahra Council in regard to erection of bus shelter was read and Mr.Mills asked that the letter be referred to him so that he might raise the question again at next Council meeting.

(vi) Letter from the Department of the Navy re erection of turnaround at Steel Point, was read and received.

(vii) Letter from Minister for Lands re Trust's request for £8000, was read and noted.

(viii) Communication from Department of Education regarding Centenary celebrations was read and the Secretary was instructed to forward copies of the article to the Trustees.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The meeting resolved that the chairman of the Nielsen Sub-Committee send copies if the recommendation agreed upon by the sub-committee at its last meeting, to the Trustees before the next monthly general meeting.

(ii) The sale of two gas stoves for £3.0.0.was confirmed.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) The appointment of Mrs.Bickell as week-end cashier was approved on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, approval was given to loan various articles in Vaucluse House to the Royal Australian Historical Society for their exhibition during the following week.

(v) The President expressed the hope of having the two remaining floats repaired, and it was agreed to leave the matter in his hands.

(vi) Letter written by the President to Messrs.Ritchie and Brown bringing to their notice a breach of by-law No.16 re unauthorised depositing of rubbish in tip at Nielsen Park, was read. It was agreed to confirm the proceedings and then prosecute if necessary. In the meantime, should the offender communicate with the office the Secretary was to refer him to the President. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

(vii) It was resolved to refer to the Nielsen Sub-Committee (a) a proposal to exclude unauthorised persons from using the tip (b) proposal to re-erect gate and keep it closed. In the meantime the staff at Nielsen Park were to be instructed to remove the lantana growth on road within 100 yards from Steel Point.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of Trust as at close of business on 30/4/56, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts amounting to £519.10.10 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £557.5.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS.

(i) The meeting adhered to its previous decision of planting a hedge of Photinia between toilets and Wentworth Road.

(ii) The Secretary was directed to send a letter of thanks to the Council for the loan of their bulldozer.

(iii) It was decided to leave to the President's discretion the Secretary's proposal of publicising Vaucluse House in public transport.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed that the Secretary would pay £5 per annum for use of telephone extension in upstair's flat.

(v) The head gardener was to be informed that it is the responsibility of the staff to keep the drain in outer park free from blockages.

(vi) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed that the China Room adjacent to courtyard be demolished.

*"Silver Room"

(vii) In view of increased costs of sepia folders and postcards the Secretary was directed to increase selling price of folders and cards to 4/- and 9d. respectively.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.50 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.June,1956, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
Cobden Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
H.E.Mills,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.J.Halbert(Councillor).

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th.May,1956 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The following letters were read and noted:

(1) From Minister for Lands acknowledging Trust's recommendation of Mr.Yelland to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr.W.P.McGrath.

(2) From Mr.W.P.McGrath thanking Trust for their letter and expressing desire to assist Trust in any way even though no longer a Trustee. The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr.McGrath whether the tools for truck promised by him in August 1955 would be available.

(3) Letters written under President's signature. Mr.Mills on behalf of the Trustees thanked Mr.Wurth for the part he had played in making the centenary celebration such a success.

(4) From Under Secretary, Department of Lands, to the Premier urging finance for Vaucluse House as per report sent in by the Government Architect. The President suggested that, at a future date, the Premier, Minister for Lands and their Under Secretaries be invited to a luncheon and an inspection of Vaucluse House. This was unanimously agreed to by the meeting.

(5) From Mr.Shoebridge, Transport Department, in reply to a letter from President stating that he would donate space for 500 cards (250 in trams, 250 in buses) for the advertising of both Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park. The President stated he had made a request to Mr.Best, Department of Tourist Bureau for suitable cards, and this action was confirmed, the finalization of the matter being left to the President.

CORRESPONDENCE. (1) Letter from Eastern Suburbs Ambulance Service requesting usual annual donation, was read. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed to donate £5.5.0.

C.H.M.[illegible] ..... SECRETARY ..... Schmude

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes, an account from the University of Technology for £29.14.2, being hire charges for tractor, was passed for payment.

(ii) Moved by Mr.Kelly and seconded by Mr.Condon, that the President obtain the coloured Centenary Folders and that these be distributed free of charge to visitors to the House as a medium of advertising.

(iii) The Nielsen Park Sub-Committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills subject to the following:

No.1 Pavilion. (1) It was agreed to paint surrounds of a few tables in No.1 Pavilion in order to judge what the appearance would be if all tables were painted likewise.

Boat & Net Sheds. (2) It was decided to leave Boat and Net Sheds as they are at present - the matter to be taken up again later, if funds became available.

Ambulance Room. (3) The meeting agreed to place malthoid roofing on Ambulance Room to prevent leakage.

Admission Charges. (4) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved to charge half rates to children for admission to swimming enclosure and also to precincts of Vaucluse House, provided children were accompanied by a teacher, this concession was also to be allowed to teachers. The President signified his intention of notifying the Department of Education and the Teachers Federation to this effect and to obtain dodgers to circularise metropolitan schools.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the employment of W.C.Stephens to fill the vacancy of M.Madden, was confirmed.

(v) The meeting decided to leave the matter of part-time painting, as requested by H.Westbrook, to the discretion of Mr.Parkes if and when the services of a second painter were required.

(vi) The President reported that the Prisons Department had expressed the desire of taking over the cleaning of nets and that he had agreed, on behalf of the Trustees, to this being done. Sixteen nets were consigned by Trust's truc k on Wednesday, 30th.May to the Prison.

(vii) Referring to the Secretary's proposal of marketing souvenirs of Vaucluse House it was decided to ask Greens Souvenirs to allow the Trust a certain number of souvenirs as approved. If articles sold well the Trust would place a firm order. A mark-up of 50% on Green's price was unanimously agreed to.

(viii) The photo of "Glen Yarra" proposed to be given to Vaucluse House by Colonel Gordon-White was accepted, on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY J. Schmeide

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(viv) Further to the Secretary's request for better lighting on the top floors of Vaucluse House, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Miller, that Mr.Parkes inspect the floors and furnish to the next meeting an estimate of cost and suggestions for lighting.

(x) It was agreed to allow the matter of replacing downpipe in courtyard to remain in abeyance for the present.

(xi) The Secretary was directed to enquire from Irvine whether the rusted section of truck chassis could be welded and, if this was not possible, the Secretary to report back to the President.

(xii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed to accept the Head Gardener's suggestion in making an azalea bed adjacent to kiosk in place of present rock mounds.

(xiii) The request for seven coils of Sisal Rope for rigging new nets was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee.

(xiv) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to allow the Prisons Department to repair the Carley Floats as requested by them, the only cost to the Trust being the material used.

(xv) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Wilson, it was agreed to charge £5.0.0 to the Legion Cabs Social Club for use of parking area in December for its annual picnic.

(xvi) Following complaints to the office by nearby residents, that boat repairing and painting constituted a nuisance in the beach paddock, it was agreed that the President should write to the Maritime Services Board ascertaining who had mooring rights and what those rights entailed.

(xvii) It was decided that the parking fee for the beach paddock should commence as from the first Sunday in the Wisteria season, the fee to be collected by the House attendant.

(xviii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided that the Secretary write to the Minister for the Navy and the Navy Department making further representations for removal of pier in Vaucluse Bay.

FINANCE.

(1) Statement showing financial position of Trust as at close of business on 31st.May,1956 was discussed and noted.

(11), On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts amounting to £367.19.5 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £914.0.6 in the case of Vaucluse section were ratified.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. (i) A request by the Trust's carpenter for certain tools was left to the discretion of the Nielsen Sub-Committee.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was resolved to dispose of frames and other rubbish in Gilberthorpe's Room, to make room for records and other property of the Trust.

(iii) Moved by Mr.Parkes and seconded by Mr.Wilson, that the horse be pastured in the cottage paddock provided that the animal in question did not become a nuisance and that the Secretary obtain another horse if possible so that the grass would be kept in check.

(iv) The President requested the Chairman of the Nielsen Sub-Committee to compile a roster of Irvine's hours for the coming swimming season,

(v) The President reported that, as there had been no reply to his letter from Brown of Elizabeth Bay in reference to the dumping of logs in tip at Nielsen Park, he had notified the Crown Solicitor to take legal proceedings against both the owner and driver of the truck.

(vi) Following a report of leakage under roof of Irvine's cottage, Mr.Parkes was requested to make an inspection and report to the next meeting.

(vii) If Mr.Parkes inspection of repairs to the Nielsen Kiosk confirmed that the work had been done satisfactorily the amount of £515.10.0 be paid to McFarlane and Sons, Plumbers.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutesof Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.July,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
J....Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th.June were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:

Advertising. (1) As already stated at previous meeting the Commissioner of Government Transport had provided space in buses and trams for 500 cards advertising Vaucluse House and Nielsen Park and since then the Commissioner of Railways had offered the Trust space for 2000 cards in trains. Berrima Gaol would print the requisite number for cost of materials which, with cost of mounting by Government Printer, would be about £100. The quotation by the private firm for tram and buses only was £250. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, the quotation from Berrima Gaol was accpeted.

Truck. (2) Repairs to chassis: The Authorities of Long Bay Penitentiary had volunteered that, if at all possible to effect repairs to chassis of truck, they would do so, free of charge.

Storm Damage. (3) An inspection by the Department of Public Works disclosed that the approximate cost of repairs at Nielsen Park would be £1900. Because these repairs are needed urgently, the President had arranged for the work to be commenced. This action was endorsed by the meeting, on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly. Mr.Miller suggested that, in order to safeguard the Trust against possible litigation, the words "Closed to the Public" be displayed on notice on the wharf and the word "Dangerous" eliminated. The Secretary was instructed to attend to this at once.

Electricity in House. (4) As requested at the previous meeting, Mr.Parkes presented his report and estimated cost for lighting upstairs rooms in House. The amount involved would be approximately £66. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided to leave the matter temporarily in abeyance as the Trust was involved in heavy expenses as a result of storm damage at Nielsen Park, the matter to be brought forward when a reply is received to Trust's request to Government for a special grant.

CHAIRMAN. Wallace C. Wurth .....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Letter from Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board for permission to erect a supply line over the Trust's property, was considered. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Board that it seemed that the proposed supply line was unnecessarily long and that the same results could be achieved by running the line through the sub-division to Coolong Road.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, two month's leave of absence was granted to Mr.S.H.Wilson.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, purchase of tools and sisal rope, requistioned by the Trust's carpenter and foreman respectively, was approved.

(iii) It was agreed on the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, that the charge for season tickets remain unchanged.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that, as repairs to the Kiosk at Nielsen Park were not yet completed, Mr.McCole's renewal of lease be dated as from 1st.July,1956, instead of as from 1st. January 1956, as originally stipulated.

(v) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved to pay the 12hrs.at 7d.per hour owing to Muncaster for net making but that, in future, repairs to nets were to be part of his daily work and covered by his normal pay.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at 30/6/56 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts amounting to £896.6.11 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £540.7.2 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and noted.

OTHER MATTERS.

(i) It was decided to leave to the discretion of Mr.Parkes the retention or demolition of wall adjacent to old laundry.

(ii) Approval was given for the renewal of stonework surrounding wet fountain bed and for the painting of pump in courtyard.lawn.

(iii) To make flower beds more colourful it was decided to remove the present New Zealand Christmas Bell from beds in front of House and plant primula or similar flowers instead.

(iv) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was decided to leave the purchase of souvenirs in abeyance.

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CHAIRMAN.....

OTHER MATTERS.

(v) It was agreed by the meeting to close the gates of beach paddock for the next two months and at the end of that time to review the matter. The Secretary was instructed to have a notice "Cars not admitted" attached to gates.. It was also agreed that the present allowance of 10/- per week for opening and closing gates be discontinued forthwith.

(vi) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes, confirmation was given to Carley Floats being repaired by the Prisons Department.

(vii) Acting on Mr.Mills suggestion that dwarf flowering shrubs be planted in Notting garden the Secretary was directed to obtain the views of the Head Gardener as to what shrubs would be most suitable. The Gardener's recommendation will be submitted to the authorities in the Botanic Gardens for their opinion.

(viii) The President reported that the manager of the Rural Bank, Bondi Junction, had been in communication with him and informed him that the Bank would in future allow interest on the Trust's deposits.

(viv) Regarding the work to be carried out by the Maritime Services Board the President intimated that he would communicate by telephone with the Board to ascertain when operations would commence.

(x) As the grass in cottage paddock was too matted to be cut by the tractor, the Secretary was directed to instruct the gardeners to burn wherever possible and, when this was done, the President would make arrangements for tractor to be sent out from the University of Technology.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.00 A.M.

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CHAIRMAN..... SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.August,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
[illegible],
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
[illegible],
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary).

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th.July, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. A report from Public Works Department on tenders quote of approximately £1800 for repairs to Nielsen Park was received.

The President reported

(i) that he had been advised by the Maritime Services Board that work at Nielsen Park would be accelerated to enable Trust's staff to have pool in readiness for opening of the swimming season;

(ii) that he had been in communication with the Matron of Strickland Convalescent Home in reference to proper surveillance of Nielsen Park tip. The Matron had referred him to a Mr.Noel Eric Smith, who had agreed to accept the position of vigilance officer at an annual remuneration of £26. In addition, any inmate of the Home, who reported an irregularity at the Tip, would receive 10/- for each truck number furnished to the Office. On the motion of Mr.Miller,seconded by Mr.Condon (a) the arrangements made by the President were approved, to commence from date of meeting (b) the penalty provided by the by-laws for dumping rubbish should be increased to £25 (c) the Secretary was directed to have three signs erected at the entrance tothe tip, at the radar station and at the gates respectively, warning car owners and drivers of the penalty for parking and other breaches of the by-laws;

(iii) that the advertising cards for display in trams and buses would be ready within a week;

(iv) that a newly-appointed trustee, Mr.Barrett, had been approved by the Minister of Lands and would be present at the next meeting of the Trust.

CORRESPONDENCE. Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS. A quotation of £185 by Harler for repairs to gas leakage in grounds of Vaucluse Park was submitted to the meeting. It was agreed that, before accepting Harler's quotation, the Secretary invite quotations from two other plumbers.

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Wallace C.Wurth ..... Chairman

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The resolution passed at the previous meeting that

(a) beach paddock shall be opened on each Saturday, Sunday and public holiday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. between 1st.September and 30th.April.

(b) the House attendant collect 2/- parking fee from the driver of each vehicle inside the paddock at intervals during the day

was confirmed.

It was resolved that the Secretary write another letter to Mrs.Roche, insisting that she vacate residence at Steel Point by the end of October of this year.

On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to write off all broken china,etc. at Vaucluse Park Kiosk and to issue to Mr.McCole a new list with the renewal of lease.

A resolution was passed authorising the Secretary to sign tenancy agreements for herself and H.Westbrook and to fill in clause 4 (a) iii, "Period during which absence of leave is allowable" shown as "fourteen days'

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/7/56 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts amounting to £529.9.9 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £488.9.10 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and noted.

OTHER MATTERS.

On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided that uniforms by worn by House attendant and two attendants at Nielsen Park. The President undertook to make the necessary arrangements for procuring the three uniforms.

The Head Gardener's suggestion that roses and portulaca be planted as a permanent garden in the Notting garden, and azaleas and ferns in the front garden in Vaucluse Park, was approved.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved to accept the proposal of Mr.Green, Katoomba, that souvenirs of Vaucluse House be supplied to the Trust for re-sale on a basis of ~~25%~~ 20% commission.

Proposed by Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided that the bronze fountain in centre of flower-bed at eastern side of House be cleaned and, if necessary, painted.

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Chairman ..... Hon. Secretary

OTHER MATTERS.

The Secretary was directed to send to Mrs.Westbrook a letter, over the President's signature, conveying the thanks and appreciation of the Trustees for the manner in which she had cleaned the exhibit cases and their contents, and for the careful cleaning of the House.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to pay the account owing to Mr.McCole for the refreshments supplied on the day of the Centenary celebration.

The Chairman of the Nielsen Park Sub-Committee, Mr.Condon, raised the question of hours to be worked by the foreman of Nielsen Park during the coming season. Mr.Condon expressed the opinion, that the Sub-Committee had arrived at after discussion, that Irvine's overtime could be reduced and that it would be more economical to place him on an overall salary covering five and a half days per week. The Committee will report again to the Trustees.

Mr.Condon mentioned that, on Monday, 10th.September, at 11 a.m., the women delegates and wives ofother delegates from the Master Builders' Association's Conference contemplated visiting Vaucluse House. It was agreed that Mr.Parkes receive the guests and, if he thought fit, invite them to morning tea after an inspection of the House. The Secretary was instructed to engage the House attendant for that morning.

Mr.Parkes reported that, after inspection of the ranger's cottage at Nielsen Park, he estimated the cost of re-tiling the roof at approximately £230. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon,it was resolved that this matter be entrusted to Mr.Parkes and, if it was at all possible, that existing tiles be used on one side of the roof, and other side renewed entirely at a cost of £120. It was left to Mr.Parkes's discretion to do the best with the funds available.

The President reported that the Government Tourist bureau had notified the Secretary that, from November next, the Matson Shipping Line would resume bi-monthly passenger services to Australia, and that the bureau would issue cards to tourists for admission to Vaucluse House and send a cheque in full payment at the end of each month.

The Secretary was directed to have notices placed in the beach paddock to the effect that "Boats are not to be repaired or painted on this beach. Penalty £25."

Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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W.Hall Smith ..... A.D.Parkes .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.September,1956 at 10 a.m.

P.S.L.A.

Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
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C.Parkes,
[illegible],
[illegible],
Mrs. [illegible].E.Schrude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

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Minutes of Meeting held on 12th.August,1956, were confirmed and signed.

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On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed that the foreman of Nielsen Park, F.Irvine, should work 51 hours in 5½ days per week in the swimming season and 40 hours in the winter at his present salary plus an annual allowance of £78. This revised rate was decided upon, in view of the special advantages that were made available to Irvine, including occupation of one of Trust's cottages at a nominal rental, time and expense saved in travelling to and from his place of employment and an additional week's leave each year. The Trust expected Irvine to place himself at its disposal in any emergency and the concessions granted are regarded as covering all incidences of his employment.

[illegible]SPONDENCE.

The following letters were received and noted:

(i) From Maritime Services Board in reference to repairs to wharf, enclosure and platform at Nielsen Park.

(ii) From Department of Lands concerning

(a) activities of the Trustees of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park.

(b) amendment of by-law 27 for the management of Nielsen-Vaucluse Park.

(iii) From State Crown Solicitor in reference to prosecution of Graham J.Brown.

(iv) From Minister for Lands advising grant for restoration of Vaucluse House and President's reply thereto.

[illegible]ERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Confirmation of wage increase of 7/- for males and 5/- for females from first full pay period in August was given, on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, approval was given to the sale of two cash registers (now out of use) for the amount of £3 each.

(iii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided to pay F.Bussman the extra £1 travelling allowance during his annual leave.

(iv) A resolution was passed on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, to write off the amount of £1.15.0 being an outstanding debt from the 1954/55 season owing by St.Michael's Church, Darlinghurst.

Wallace C. Wurth ..... [illegible]

...AL BUSINESS.

(v) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, the Secretary was directed to write another letter to Mrs.Roche, informing her that the Trust did not propose to employ her for the coming season but that, should she vacate the premises, the Trust would endeavour to give her casual work at Nielsen Park during the weekends of the swimming season.

(vi) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board asking for a review of their charges for sewerage services which had risen from 10/- and 15/- respectively to a flat rate of £3 per toilet.

(vii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, confirmation was given to the re-wiring at the Vaucluse Kiosk.

(viii) The Secretary was directed to communicate by letter with the Transport Department requesting that it re-consider the running of the 322 bus route to the usual summer time table or, alternatively the substitution of double-decker buses for single buses in peak periods at weekends to Vaucluse House. It was also decided to ask permission for the Trust to make arrangements to have a private bus on the 321 route, express from Central Station to Nielsen Park during the swimming season, if the Trust are able to procure the services of such a contractor.

(vix) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was decided to keep the car gates premanently closed at Vaucluse Bay.

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(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/56, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts amounting to £447.18.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £599.19.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

...CRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

...DENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and noted.

...ER MATTERS. The President reported that:

(i) Mr.K.H.Smith, Outdoor Attendant , Strickland Hospital had been engaged from 1st.August, to supervise the men watching the tip as arranged at the previous meeting.

(ii) After two months, the matter would be reviewed.

Mr.Miller suggested and the Trustees concurred that the men employed at Nielsen Park be encouraged to spend two hours each week picking up bottles and burning papers in the scrub in the Trust's grounds and Mr.Condon arranged to visit Nielsen Park with Mr.Halbert during the week and discuss with the foreman the implementation of the Trust's wishes.

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HER MATTERS.

It was decided to arrange with Lancaster that any time worked over the usual 40 hours per week during the swimming season would be added to his annual leave.

On behalf of the Trustees, Mr.Miller thanked Mr.Mills for his co-operation in having the various notices painted and in some places newly erected by the Council directing the public to Nielsen Park.

On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller, Mr.Kelly was appointed acting-chairman of the Vaucluse Sub-Committee during Mr.Wilson's absence.

Following a verbal report by Mr.Parkes, on the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was decided to renew the insurance policies for the various buildings at Nielsen Park and Vaucluse on the values stated by the Government Insurance Office.

LETING CLOSED. The Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.October,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
S.H.Wilson,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.N.E.Mills and leave of absence was granted to Mr.Mills during his vacation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing twelve months:

President. Mr.Wallace C.Wurth.
Vice-President. Mr.S.H.Wilson.
Treasurer. Mr.J.A.Kelly.

Nielsen Park Sub-Committee. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Condon,Miller and Mills.

Vaucluse House and Park. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Wilson,Kelly,Parkes,Miller and Mills.

MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th.September,were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. It was reported by the Secretary that F.Irvine had made representations regarding the four hours worked by him each week from Monday to Thursday in opening Sheds. It was agreed that the Secretary instruct Irvine if he had any representations to make he should make them in writing for discussion at the next meeting.

The President reported that Mrs.Roche had not replied to any of the notices requesting her to vacate premises at Steel Point nor had she paid rent since 2nd.July,1956.

CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were received and noted:

(i) From the Department of the Navy in reference to undergrowth on road to Steel Point.

(ii) From Director-General of Education together with copy of tape recording of Dr.Currey's address, and President's reply thereto.

(iii) From the Hon.R.J.Heffron forwarding School Magazine containing article on Vaucluse House, and President's reply.

(iv) From Diocesan Director of Catholic Education assuring Trsut that Vaucluse House will be publicised in next circular to all Catholic Schools under his direction.

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VICE-PRESIDENT.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(v) From Visual Education Centre returning Trust's photo of Constitution Room and offering a copy of film strip if Trustees so desire. The Secretary was instructed to accept the offer.

(vi) From Department of Government Transport refusing Trust's application to engage private bus service during summer season.

(vii) From Biological Section, Department of Agriculture, reporting on the inspection of Rhodendron and Camellia Trees affected by Armalaria. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge letter with thanks and to instruct the Head Gardener to carry out the instructions as suggested by the Department.

(viii) From the Department of Public Works reporting that work at Nielsen Park had been completed and asking the Trust to advise the Department whether funds estimated at £1800 would be available to meet the cost. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the Secretary was instructed to reply to the Department in the affirmative.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The printing of new Letterheads was discussed and it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Mr.Parkes to obtain a proof of printing required.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Wilson, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided to have the electricity reconnected to the residence attached to the Coachhouse.

(iii) The appointment of Neville Roy as labourer at a salary of £14.17.0 per week was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/56, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts amounting to £439.15.3 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £458.18.10 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and noted.

OTHER MATTERS.

(i) It was decided to erect another sign in beach paddock prohibiting painting or repairing of boats. This sign is to be bolted to the wharf.

(ii) The President presented the Auditor-General's Report and Balance Sheet and directed the Secretary to send a copy of the report to the Trustees.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

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VICE-PRESIDENT.....SECRETARY.....

(I) The Secretary of War Information Bureau has received the following telegram, dated at Manila, P.I., October 7, 1898, addressed to Lieut.-Col. J.C. Gilmore, Fifth Infantry, Fort Sheridan, Ill.:

"Have you been two of the privates of your regiment left behind sick at the hospital?"

(II) The Secretary's report was read and ordered filed.

(III) The President announced the Judiciary Committee's report in favor of the passage of the bill for the relief of Thomas Sheet and directed that the report be printed.

(IV) On motion of Mr. Conkling, resolved by the Senate, that the Secretary of War be directed to furnish the Senate with a copy of the report of the Inspector-General in the case of Lieut. Col. J.C. Gilmore, Fifth Infantry, and also a copy of the telegram from Lieut. Col. Gilmore to the Adjutant-General of the Army, dated at Manila, P.I., October 7, 1898.

(V) Mr. Hoar introduced a bill (S. 1234) to provide for the erection of a public building at Worcester, Mass., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

(VI) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1235) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(VII) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1236) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(VIII) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1237) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(IX) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1238) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(X) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1239) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(XI) Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, introduced a bill (S. 1240) to authorize the Secretary of War to donate to the Putnam Memorial Association, of Connecticut, the cannon now in front of the building of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, Conn., which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.November,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.Parkes,Mills and Barrett.

A motion was passed by the Trustees regretting the President's illness and the Secretary was directed to send a letter under acting-president's signature conveying these regrets to Mr.Wurth.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Acting-President reported that Mr.Wurth had interviewed Mrs.Roche since the last Trust meeting. Mrs.Roche had informed Mr.Wurth that her husband had developed a lung condition and that the doctor did not expect him to live more than a few months. Owing to this fact, it was agreed that since nothing further could be done at this stage, the matter be held over for the present.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from Mr.Scharfer, Ashfield, in regard to removal of fence from beach enclosure at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was directed to send a letter thanking Mr.Scharfer for his interest and pointing out that, as the park is for public use, no charge may be made for entrance to it, as suggested in his letter.

(ii) Letter from Valmonds requesting refund of £1.0.0 on cancellation of pavilion. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved to refund the deposit.

(iii) Letter and gazette notice from Department of Lands in reference to Mr.Barrett's appointment was read and received.

(iv) Letter from Department of Health, thanking Trust for attending to growth on boundary of Trust's property and Strickland Hospital, was read and received.

(v) Letter from Water Board, in reply to Trust's letter, asking for a reduction in sewerage charges, was read and noted.

(vi) Letter from Mr.W.C.Wentworth,M.P., in reply to Secretary's letter of thanks for table and inkstand for exhibition in Constitution Room, was read and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Report from Department of Public Works in reference to Burglary Alarm System in Vaucluse House, was read and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly, confirmation was given to the increase of wages from the first full pay period in November - 11/- males, 8/6 females.

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VICE-PRESIDENT.....SECRETARY.....

(1) Letter from Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 15, 1915, requesting information relative to the number of meters in use in the various districts of the city, the number of services in each district, the number of meters tested during the year, and the number found defective.

(2) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 17, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the number of services in the various districts is approximately as follows: [illegible]

(3) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 18, 1915, requesting that the meters tested during the year be classified as to size and type, and that the number of each size and type be given.

(4) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 19, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the meters tested during the year were as follows: [illegible]

(5) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 20, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(6) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 21, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(7) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 22, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(8) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 23, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(9) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 24, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(10) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 25, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(11) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 26, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(12) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 27, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(13) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 28, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(14) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated June 29, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(15) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated June 30, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(16) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 1, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(17) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 2, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(18) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 3, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(19) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 4, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(20) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 5, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(21) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 6, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(22) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 7, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(23) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 8, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(24) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 9, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(25) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 10, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(26) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 11, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(27) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 12, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(28) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 13, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

(29) Letter from the Department of Public Works to Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, dated July 14, 1915, requesting that the number of meters found defective be classified as to size and type, and that the percentage of defectives in each class be given.

(30) Letter from Mr. Miller, Assistant Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply, to the Department of Public Works, dated July 15, 1915, in reply to the above request, stating that the percentage of defectives in each class was as follows: [illegible]

GENERAL BUSINESS. (iii) A letter from F.Irvine was read, requesting payment of fours worked each week, Monday to Thursday, opening Dressing Sheds at 7 a.m., or alternatively, leave in lieu of pay. The meeting concurred with Mr.Miller's suggestion that the Acting-President should interview Irvine and make the necessary arrangements.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/56 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts amounting to £1220.16.7 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £813.3.4 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

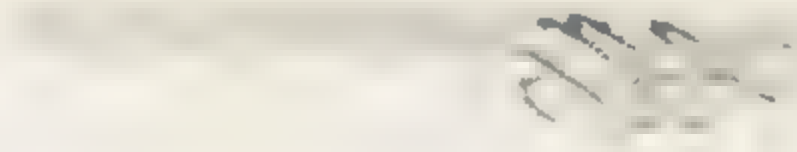
SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed/

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. The Acting-President read a letter from the Maritime Services Board, pointing out that the Trust must anticipate substantial expenditure in future for repairs to wharf and diving tower, and suggesting that, although there is no imminent danger at present, a diver should make a yearly inspection of the tower. As the diver's inspection costs £50, on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, the meeting decided that it would be more economical to have the three piles of the tower renewed at the close of this season. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Board that the Trust wished this to be attended to before the 1957/58 season commenced.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

ACTING-PRESIDENT. H.H. Miller .....SECRETARY. T. Schwarze .....



NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.December,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.S.H.Wilson (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
N.E.Mills,
C.Parkes,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary).

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.E.S.Miller and leave of absence was granted to Mr.Miller for three months during his absence abroad.

MINUTES. Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Acting-President reported that, following the decision of the previous meeting, he had explained to Irvine in broad outline the alternative open to Irvine as stipulated by the President, should the Trust accede to his demands, and, that Irvine had decided to work the extra four hours weekly if necessary, at the rate of pay he was now receiving.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from the President thanking Trustees for their kind wishes and asking for leave of absence for two months, was read. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, leave was granted to Mr.Wurth.

(ii) Letter from Maritime Services Board relative to proposed replacement of piles supporting the diving tower, was read and noted.

(iii) Letter from Department of Lands, relating to the amendment to the By-laws, was read and received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Account for £1036.12.1 from Maritime Services Board for repairs to wharf,enclosure and platform, and Secretary's acknowledgement were read and received.

(ii) Quotes for re-tiling ranger's cottage at Nielsen Park were submitted to the meeting. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved to entrust the selection of the most favourable quote to Mr.Parkes.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/11/56 was discussed and noted.

(ii) Accounts paid since November meeting amounting to £654.1.4 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £531.15.9 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

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CHAIRMAN...S.H.Wilson...SECRETARY...T.E.Schmude...

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. There was a discussion on the question raised in the Secretary's report as to what steps in general were to be taken by the foreman at Nielsen Park if an occupant of a summerhouse refused to pay, and, more specifically, what action was to be taken against an offender, named Nelson, for refusing to pay the required hiring fee of a summerhouse which he was occupying on Sunday, 2nd.inst. It was laid down that, should such an incident occur in the future, the foreman was empowered to request the offender to vacate the summerhouse at once. In the case of Nelson, the Secretary was instructed to send him an account for 5/- owing to the Trust for hire of summerhouse.

In order to make the public more conscious of keeping the park clean at weekends, it was agreed to have all receptacles painted a bright colour with suitable words inscribed thereon and boards placed in conspicuous places drawing attention to the necessity for using receptacles.

A discussion took place regarding another parking area, the parking area now in use is inadequate for accommodating cars visiting Nielsen Park on fine Sundays. It was decided to ask the Council through the good offices of Mr.Mills to have the entrance cleared on road to Bottle and Glass and if this was done the Trust would consider converting the area for the use of extra cars at present unable to enter car park.

A welcome was extended to Mr.J.R.Barrett after his introduction to the Trustees present. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, Mr.Barrett was appointed to the Vaucluse Sub-Committee.

A motion was passed to send seasonal greetings from the Trustees to Mr.Wurth.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.February,1956 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
H.E.Mills,
J.R.Barrett.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.S.H.Wilson.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, the prospective re-tiling of the ranger's cottage at Nielsen Park was confirmed, the work to be carried out by J.Collins forthe amount of £222.8.0.

Mr.Mills reported that he had interviewed the Council's Engineer regarding the proposed site for extra parking at Bottle and Glass, and that the engineer had informed him that the cost of drainage,etc. would be excessive and, even if this were done, it was doubtful whether it would then be a suitable parking area. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.

CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Letter from The St.John Ambulance Brigade requesting the annual donation, was read. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was agreed to donate the usual £5.5.0.

(ii) Letter from Dr.Colin Roderick regarding the televising of Vaucluse House, and the President's reply thereto, were read. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills, the President's action was confirmed.

(iii) Letter from Dr.C.H.Currey, authorising the representative of J.Arthur Rank Organization to take delivery of the Cobb and Co.Coach, was read and received. Mr.Mills suggested that, for publicity purposes, the producers of the film in which the coach was to appear be asked to include mention of Vaucluse House amongst the customary screen credits. The President assured the meeting that he would convey Mr.Mill's suggestion to Mr.Dunstan of the Premier's Department.

(iv) Letter and report from Dr.Bernhard Ralph relative to tests being carried out on sections of nets, was read and received.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Regarding Mr.G.Vockler's application to rent No.3 Pavilion at Nielsen Park for use as a gymnasium, it was decided on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly that:-

(i) The application be approved and that Mr.Vockler be asked to put his application to the Trust in writing.

(2) That the Nielsen Sub-Committee make a preliminary investigation of safeguards to be taken by Vockler.

(3) The building of a third pavilion nearer to the side of the present pavilions be considered by the sub-committee and referred to the next meeting.

(ii) Owing to the defective water service at the northern end of Vaucluse Park, it was decided that the Secretary apply in writing to the Water Biard for a new service to be connected to the Board's main and, upon receipt of the Board's consent, tenders be called for the work of replacing water pipes in this section of the garden.

(iii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the offer of a bedspread by Mrs.Redlich of Seven Hills,Victoria, was accepted.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/1/57, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts paid.since December meeting to the amount of £642.12.9 (December) and £748.19.5 (January) in the case of Nielsen Park and to £453.17.11 (December) and £456.2.11 (January) in the case of Vaucluse were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS.

On behalf of the Trustees the President congratulated Mr.N.E.Mills on his election of Mayor of Woollahra Council and wished him a successful tenure of office.

The Gardener's request for three new tubs for the Courtyard and flowering trees for Vaucluse Park, was referred to the Vaucluse Sub-Committee.

Regarding the procuring of roses for both Vaucluse Park and notting garden at Nielsen Park , Mr.Barrett offered to procure them for the Trust and the matter was left to his discretion.

The painting and extra lighting of the Reception Room were discussed and referred to the Sub-Committee.

The quote for lighting upstairs rooms in Vaucluse House was accepted but, before asking the Department of Piblic Works to undertake the work according to their quote, it was resolved to enquire from Phillips Lights what their costs would be for a similar undertaking.

CHAIRMAN.....

OTHER MATTERS. Before the meeting concluded Mr.Mills asked that the Trustees' pleasure at Mr.Wurth's return to health be formally placed on record.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN...../...../.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.March,1957 at 10 a.m .

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Murth (In the Chair)
T.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
E.S.Mills,
J.R.Barrett,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present/

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.E.S.Miller.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that Mr.G.Vockler had decided against renting No.3 Pavilion at Nielsen Park, as he contemplated taking over a hotel in the country.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were read and received from:-

(i) St.John's Sunday School,Abbotsford, requesting refund of £1.0.0 pavilion deposit. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed to grant their request.

(ii) The St.John Ambulance Brigade thanking the Trust for their annual donation.

(iii) The St.John Ambulance Brigade asking permission to use a pavilion for their State First Aid Competitions on the 28th.September,1957. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to allow the Brigade the use of the pavilion, free of charge, in consideration of the services they rendered during the swimming season.

(iv) Mr.S.H.Wilson tendering his resignation. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, Mr.Wilson's resignation was accepted and a resolution passed that Mr.Wilson be thanked for his past services as a trustee for many years. The President informed the meeting that he would forward Mr.Wilson's resignation to the Minister for Lands.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Nominations were called for Vice-President to replace Mr.Wilson. Mr.Mills was elected unanimously.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, the engagement of F.Walsh to replace N.Roy as a labourer at Nielsen Park was confirmed.

This is page one of the Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday,10th.March,1957.

CHAIRMAN Wallace C Murth SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(iii) Repairs to Vaucluse House. The President reported that in view of the fact that the Government would meet the amount of £1700 owing to the Department for Public Works for storm damage fepairs in June 1956, he considered that some portion of the proposed programme should be carried out at Vaucluse House. On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was agreed that general repairs as outlined in the Vaucluse Sub-Committee Report should be undertaken, up to the amount of £1000, including the following major items and other minor jobs already investigated by the sub-committee:-

Replacement of defective gutters and downpipes in copper.
Rebuilding of box gutter of main roof - of stone wall at end of stable, of front verandah.
Renewal of knobs and fittings throughout the House.
Repairs: to stone of building used as carpenter's shop and adjacent to old yard oven, (oven to be removed), to flags in kitchen.
Replacement of admission box on front verandah by structure of more attractive design.

(iv) On the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, the Vaucluse Sub-Committee Report was adopted. It was agreed that authority be given to the Vaucluse Sub-Committee to spend up to £25 subject to confirmation of the Board.

(v) Mr.Barrett reported that:-

(a) the tubs from McCarthys would be delivered to Vaucluse House during the coming week.
(b) He was procuring 22 brackets for gutterings.
(c) he had asked the advice of a stonemason, by name of Tyrell, in regard to stone wall of coachhouse.
(d) roses would be available for Nielsen and Vaucluse by the end of May.

The Trustees thanked Mr.Barrett for his activities.

(vi) The President reported that the foreman of Nielsen Park had ordered that the nets sent to the Prisons Department were to be cleaned by them and not repaired. The President arranged with the Comptroller General of Prisons to revert to the earlier instructions of both cleaning and repairing nets and that the foreman would make an inspection of the nets before they were taken delivery of from the State Penitentiary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's Report was read and received.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 28/2/57 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the notion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts paid since the February meeting to the amount of £705.19.6 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £596.0.3 in the case of Vaucluse House were ratified.

OTHER MATTERS.

The President reported that he had investigated charges for Season Tickets, Lockers and Cubicles and found that in regard to the Lockers and Cubicles public patronage had dropped considerably since the new charges were made in December,1955, though the revenue had not varied to any great extent. The meeting asked that the Secretary enquire from the various metropolitan swimming pools as to their charges and report to the Nielsen Sub-Committee. After discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Barrett, to make the following charges for Season Tickets for the 1957/58 season:

£2.2.0 for family ticket - this ticket to cover husband, wife and school children of the family (irrespective of age of children if attending school).

£1.10.0 for Single Ticket, 12/6 for Children.

It was also suggested that before the next season a special feature of this reduction be made by circularising the schools and placing paragraphs in the local papers. The Secretary wasinstructed to attend to this at the appropriate time.

In regard to the cutting of grassin beach and cottage Paddocks, the Secretary was directed to write to the Woollahra Council in July asking the Council if they would consider hiring the rotary hoe and driver at their convenience in late July or August.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C Smith SECRETARY .....

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Minutes of Meeting of Vaucluse House Sub-Committee held at Vaucluse House on Sunday 27th.February,1967 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs. J.A.Kelly (Convenor)
C.Parlon,
J.Barrett.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.E.Mills.

The Committee was asked by the Board of Trustees to consider the question of concrete tubs in the Courtyard and the planting of flowering trees. The Committee also decided to make an inspection of the House and grounds. The following points were noted and recommendations made.

TUBS IN COURTYARD. Mr.Barrett kindly volunteered to obtain wooden tubs.

TREES. It was decided to plant a Cape Chestnut and a Bauhinia in the locations shown to the Secretary - the gardener was to be consulted.

TRUSTEES ROOM. This should be renovated, pictures re-hung, some removed. Irene and exhibit certain plans of House and grounds.

VERANDAHS. Paint eaves gutters on side verandah. Clean up area off side verandah near guard house. Flagging has dropped on front verandah. Redesign ticket box and re-position in more suitable place, perhaps on side verandah near switchboards - galvanised iron on shutter and conduit need painting.

ENTRANCE HALL. To be painted - ceiling off-white, walls pale green - Mr.Parlon produced tin shades to be used. "No Smoking" notice to be removed from door and placed outside as a portable notice. Souvenir case to be removed, souvenirs to be exhibited in a portable case on verandah.

KITCHEN No.1. Knob removed from back of open door and placed on closed door at left. Notices similar to that on Morning Room to be installed through House.

LOWER DINING ROOM. Centre table in this room to be removed to a more suitable position.

CONSTITUTION. Clean walls where structure was removed. Paint walls near Constitution Room.

KITCHEN. Repair sunken flags near Gilberthorpe Room.

PANTRY. Fill hole in ceiling near upper stairway.

ROOF. This is affecting the building. Should consider demolishing oven. Dampness of building generally need attention.

KLOOK. Clean up under Kloof and paint dampjpe at end.

LAUNDRY. Remove old stoves, level and pave round entrance to Laundry.

Repair bridge and steps leading to guard house, clean up surrounding area.

MAINT. Stonework needs rebuilding, paint gutters, renew louvres.

PARK.ETC. The new flagging on the path at the lower end of garden towards main gate was inspected. This was considered a great improvement and should be continued. The new bed in this area is also a big improvement and the stonemason has done a very good job. That section of the grounds from the toilets down to the bus route is in excellent condition. The grounds generally were considered to be in very good condition and the gardener should be commended on the efforts of himself and his staff.

MOTOR TRACTOR. The Secretary presented a quote from Motor Tractors for $48.0.2 for repairs to the 17" . tee Mower. It was decided that the work should be put on hand and that the firm should give a satisfactory demonstration of the mower when the repairs were completed.

It was considered that some thought should be given to improving the ventilation in the living quarters in Vaucluse House.

It was also felt that the Sub-Committee should have power to authorise the spending of money up to a certain amount.

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.April,1957.

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Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
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C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
Mrs. E.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY.

An apology was received from Mr.R.C.Condon.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

In appreciation of the services rendered by Mr.S.H.Wilson as a member and as President of the Trust for many years, it was agreed to extend to him on his resignation the privileges of making use of the dressing sheds at Nielsen Park and, when so desired, to drive his own car into the grounds there.

Mr.Parkes reported that Mr.Tyrell, Stonemason, had inspected the Stables and had listed certain repairs amounting to approximately £40, which, he considered should be done. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills.

It was resolved that necessary repairs to front of verandah of House be done by the Trust's staff.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were read and received from:

(i) The St.John Ambulance Brigade extending thanks to the Trustees for permission to use Pavilion at Nielsen Park, free of charge.

(ii) The Under Secretary, Premier's Department, expressing appreciation of assistance afforded by the Trust in connection with Cobb and Co.coach.

(iii) G.Vockler, advising his inability to lease No.3 Pavilion as a gymnasium.

(iv) The Water Board, granting permission to the Trust to connect new water service with the Board's main in Wentworth Road. Mr.Parkes had obtained four specifications and the Secretary was instructed to call for tenders.

(v) Concrete and Terrazo quoting £82.10.0 for concreting path on western side of verandah. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes the quote was accepted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The appointment of P.Wunsch as head gardener in succession to F.Bussman was confirmed, with pay at the rate of £16.5.0 with travelling allowance of £1.5.0 per week, allowance to be reviewed when cottage provided.

(ii) The appointment of Mr.H.Snelling,Q.C., as Trustee designate, pending confirmation by the Minister for Lands in the Government Gazette was announced.

(iii) It was agreed to approve of the Secretary's recommendation that a bubbler be placed at the entrance to the tunnel at Nielsen Park Dressing Sheds.

(iv) Moved by Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Barrett, that the purchase of a used truck through the Government Stores to be left to the discretion of the President and that the truck now in service be disposed of to the highest bidder.

(v) The Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs.Roche, occupier of Trust's cottage at Steel Point, that, since the cottage was required as a residence for the Head Gardener, she must vacate the premises within thirty days. Failure to do so would necessitate more drastic measures to regain possession.

(vi) It was agreed that instructions were to be issued to the foreman of Nielsen Park that, in future, he was to have Wednesday afternoon and Thursday as rest days during the swimming season in lieu of Thursday afternoon and Friday as formerly. This change was made in order that the rest of the staff might be able to attentd to the cleaning up of the Park, and Dressing Sheds in preparation for the weekend.

(vii) Mr.Barrett reported that:

(a) he would provide at his own expense sixty brackets for guttering on Vaucluse House,

(b) Mr.E. Swain would donate at the appropriate time roses, necessary for Vaucluse and Nielsen Parks,

(c) He would arrange for Mr.Parkes to inspect during the week the box office contemplated for use at Vaucluse House as an admission box.

The meeting recorded its appreciation of Mr.Barrett's generosity.

(viii) The proposed programme of works for Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks during the winter months was left to the respective sub-committees for consideration and action.

(ix) On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the Secretary was granted three weeks special leave to enable her to receive necessary hospital treatment.

(x) Mr.Barrett,and Mr.Snelling (when appointed to the Trust) were appointed to the Nielsen and Vaucluse Sub-Committees. Mr.Mills will replace Mr.Wilson as Chairman of the Vaucluse Sub-Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31/3/57 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller accounts paid since March meeting to the amount of £624.2.4 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £482.0.11 in the case of Vaucluse House were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's Report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. It was agreed that the pictures, at present in the Trustees Room be offered to the Mitchell Library so as to provide space for the framed plants to be hung in their stead.

It was decided that the bed, now in Painter's Store, be disposed of, as there was no space in the House for it nor was there any record of its historicity.

Mr.Parkes applied for permission to have names of the Trustees re-arranged on the boards at entrance to Vaucluse House and at Nielsen Park, with the President and Vice-President respectively at the top and the remainder following in alphabetical order.

Mr.Barrett suggested that a garden party be held at Vaucluse House during wistaria season and that businessmen be asked to contribute to the expense thereof. It was decided to leave Mr.Barrett's suggestion to the consideration of the Vaucluse Sub-Committee.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was decided that, if a new pavilion be built to rep;ace No.3 at Nielsen Park, it would be placed in the position suggested by Mr.Parkes.

Regarding the letting of the present No.3 Pavilion as a gymnasium club, it was resolved that Mr.Mills should interview any prospective tenants.

Five month's leave was granted to Mr.Murth during his absence abroad.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, I2th.May,I957.

PRESENT. Messrs.N.E.Mills (in the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.J.R.Barrett.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Vice-President reported that he would see Mr. Barrett in regard to making an appointment for the head gardener to go with Mr.Barrett to collect roses for Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks at Mr.Swain's nursery.

It was decided to arrange a garden party during the wistaria season and to make it the occasion to welcome the new Governor of N.S.W. The Vaucluse Sub-Committee will make the necessary arrangements later.

Mr.Parkes reported that he had discussed the disposal of the pictures in the Trustees' Room with the Director of the Mitchell Library.

CORRESPONDENCE. (I) Letter from Mr.Marinato,Watsons Bay,offering for sale to the Trust two paintings of the house occupied by W.C.Wentworth in Phillip St. for a short time before residence in Vaucluse House. The Meeting decided that the Trust was not in a financial position to purchase either of the pictures.

(II) Letter from Mrs.Roche,Steel Point,was read. On the motion of Mr.Condon,seconded by Mr.Parkes, the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Roche,informing her that the matter was now in the hands of the Trust's Solicitor.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Quotations for the new water service at northern end of Vaucluse Park were discussed. On the motion of Mr. Kelly,seconded by Mr.Miller,tender by Mr.F.Maher, Dover Heights,for £524:I3:9 was accepted.

FINANCE. Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30.4.57.was discussed and noted.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly,seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts paid since April meeting to the amount of £857:I8:6 (Nielsen Park) and £627:0:2 (Vaucluse House) were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. The head gardener's request to obtain the necessary material for the foreman to make twelve sprays for shrubberies in Vaucluse Park was granted. The Approximate cost for material will be £I2:0:4.

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OTHER MATTERS (contd.)

The following matter was discussed:-

The Crown Solicitor's advice that no action could be taken against two persons found dumping rubbish at Nielsen Park until it was ascertained whether the offenders were owners of the trucks or merely drivers in the employ of owners. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes,it was decided that the Secretary write to the Crown Solicitor, informing him that the Trustees did not consider his reply satisfactory and suggesting that he take up the matter with the police, who would be able to ascertain who were the drivers of the said trucks. Furthermore,that he be advised that,as there have been so many breaches of this particular by-law,involving the Trust in considerable trouble and expense, the Trust views these offences in a serious light.

Mr.Miller suggested that a senior member of the police force be asked if he would accept an honorary position to deal with the various nuisances at Nielsen Park,particularly cave-dwellers and improper uses of the tip. The members of the Trust agreed unanimously. Mr. Mills intimated that Inspector Mills of the Paddington Police might be willing to accept the position. It was left to Mr.Miller to attend to the matter.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Tyrell,confirming verbal agreement entered into with Mr.Parkes in connection with the stable wall.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at I0.50 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.June,1957, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.R.C.Condon,

A cordial welcome was extended to Mr.Snelling by the Acting-President on behalf of himself and his co-trustees, assuring Mr.Snelling that they were most appreciative of the choice of the Minister for Lands.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Acting-President reported that ~~he had been in communication with the Lib~~ the donation of roses from Mr.Swain, and of brackets from Mr.Barrett (through Mr.W.Burcher) were being attended to by the Secretary.

Mr.Parkes mentioned that he had been in communication with the Librarian of the Mitchell Library and had been informed by him that several of the pictures in the Trustees Room and the photos of the Premiers now in store in the Gilberthorpe Room would be accepted for display in the Library. These arrangements were agreed to by the meeting.

It was noted that the matter of Mrs.Roche's tenancy was now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor and that the plumber, S.Maher, would commence renewal of the water service in northern section of Park on Tuesday following the date of meeting.

Mr.Miller was thanked for taking up with the Crown Solicitor during the Secretary's absence the prosecution of two truck drivers for unauthorised dumping of rubbish at Nielsen Park tip.

Mr.Miller reported that he had been in communication with the Minister for Lands in reference to having a member of the Police Force co-operating with the Trust in suppressing vandalism,etc. The Minister had suggested that it would be more satisfactory to appoint a police officer as representative of the Police Force to the Trust than detailing him to act as a mere vigilance officer. Mr.Miller then interviewed Mr.Delaney, Commissioner of Police, who suggested Superintendent Rogers. The Acting-President thanked Mr.Miller for his co-operation which was deeply appreciated. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the arrangements made by Mr.Miller were approved and the Secretary was directed to write to the Minister and Superintendent Rogers accordingly.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Mr.Barrett mentioned that Mr.Tyrell was detained unavoidably in doing extra work for the Council but that he would commence repairs on the Stable wall within the next two weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Letter from Eastern Suburbs Ambulance Brigade requesting annual donation of £5.5.0, was read. The donation was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

(ii) Letter from The Maritime Services Board in regard to work to the amount of approximately £499 to be carried out at Nielsen Park before the next swimming season, was read. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller, the quotation was accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) It was noted that the A.B.C. were televising direct from Vaucluse House on next Thursday,13th.inst. The Acting-President mentioned that Mr.Wyndham from the A.B.C. was communicating with him on the following day and the Trustees suggested that as this was a valuable medium of advertising akl possible help be given to the Broadcasting Commission.

FINANCES.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31st.May,1957 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts paid since May meeting to the amount of £629.15.10 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £729.6.4 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's Report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS.

Regarding the Hanke's painting of house in Phillip Street once tenanted by W.C.Wentworth, the Secretary was instructed to request Mr.Marinato to send the picture to the Trustees for inspection at the next meeting provided that the picture had not been purchased in the meantime.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Barrett, the purchase of an industrial polisher for £35.7.6 through the Government Stores for Vaucluse House was sanctioned.

The Secretary was directed to send letters of thanks to Mrs.Bickell and Mr.Schrude respectively, thanking them for their services during the Secretary's hospitalisation. The Acting-President reported that the Trust's affairs had been handled efficiently in her absence.

Mr.W.Muncaster's resignation was accepted and it was agreed to obtain the services of another labourer in his place. Mr.Barrett mentioned that he had heard of a likely employee and would look into the matter.

On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was agreed to pay the outstanding account of £1036.12.1 owing to the Maritime Services Board by the end of June.

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OTHER MATTERS.

The Acting-President suggested that the Secretary prepare for each Trustee a nominal roll of the staff at Nielsen and Vaucluse, together with information of occupations and wages received.

The Secretary was notified that once the formal notice to quit had been issued by the Crown Solicitor to Mrs.Roche, the words "use and occupation" instead of "rent" were to be entered on her rent receipts.

The question of painting the fences at Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks was discussed. It was agreed that the matter be left to Mr.Parkes to prepare specifications and report to the next meeting.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the appointment of Mr.Snelling to both sub-committees was approved.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.55.a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.July,1957 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT.

Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
R.C.Condon,
H.A.Snelling.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Referring to a list, attached to the meeting papers setting out the names of employees and wages received, Mr.Condon brought to the notice of the Trustees the wage of the foreman of Nielsen Park, F.Irvine, was 11/4 per week less than that received by the carpenter. He pointed out further that, question of an increase had been brought up at the December meeting, the then Acting-President, Mr.Wilson, had arranged to interview Irvine and discuss with him the reason for his dissatisfaction. The Secretary produced a note from Mr.Wurth, which Mr.Wurth had given her prior to his departure for hospital and which she had given to Mr.Wilson before he interviewed Irvine. The note contained the following message:

Mr,Wurth had informed Mr.Halbert that, if Irvine expressed further dissatisfaction after an increase of £70 per year (for time worked over 40 hrs.during summer season amounting to 11 hrs.approximately each week) plus one extra week's leave, making four weeks leave annually) he was to be informed that only two courses were open to the Trustees:

(1) To charge him full economic rent for house (£3.10.0 per week) and for telephone; to reduce his leave to two weeks; to discontinue his allowance (£70) and pay him authorised overtime, or

(2) To advise him to seek another position. The latter was Mr.Wurth's recommendation to the Trustees.

Mr.Miller and Mr.Barrett raised the point that, as Irvine was on call at all times, they considered he should receive a higher salary. Mr.Barrett said he would be content if Irvine's salary was raised to the amount received by the carpenter. After an animated discussion, it was resolved that the Acting-President (Mr.Mills) interview Irvine to ascertain whether he had a case and to report back to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were read:

(1) From C.Blackburn, 12 Alfred Street,Waverley, quoting £75 for the felling and removal of two pine trees, situated at end of the Nielsen Park wharf and £15 for cutting Moreton Bay Fig tree to the level of Rock Shelf (approximately 10 to 12 feet above ground level), all timber to be removed from site. It was

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CORRESPONDENCE.

resolved on the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Barrett, that the quote for £75 be accepted and that Mr.Blackburn be asked if he would cut the Moreton Bay Fig to a lower level than quoted, and for the same price.

(ii) From A.Simpson, Largs,Scotland, requesting a donation for preservation of monument to Sir Thomas Brisbane in Ayrshire. It was resolved that Mr.Simpson be informed that no funds were available for such donation.

(iii) From H.W.McGann, North Bondi, in reference to an incident concerned with use of beach skis at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was directed to thank Mr.McGann for bringing this matter to the notice of the Trust.

(iv) From State Crown Solicitor in regard to Mrs.Roche's tenancy of cottage at Steel Point. Mr.Snelling volunteered to interview Mr.Harrington at the Crown Solicitor's office and the matter was left for Mr.Snelling's attention.

(v) From Australian Broadcasting Commission in reference to telecast of Vaucluse House.

(vi) From the Maritime Services Board acknowledging letter in regard to repairs at Nielsen Park before the opening season.

(vii) From The Mitchell Library acknowledging receipt of photographs and oil painting.

(viii) From Photo-Engravers, S.M.Herald, requesting use of speed-boat at the annual picnic on the 24th.November, 1957. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed that permission be granted.

(ix) From A.N.Clarke, offering for £12.12.0 the painting of house in Phillip Street occupied by W.C.Wentworth in 1825. It was moved by Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Miller, that the painting be purchased.

(x) Account from F.Maher to the amount of £524.13.9 for renewal of water service in northern section of Vaucluse Park. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the account was passed for payment.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Kelly, employment of S.Walker in place of W.Muncaster at Nielsen Park was confirmed.

(ii) Mr.Parkes submitted a quotation for extra electrical installation in Vaucluse House. It was agreed that the lighting in the top corridor be left in abeyance for the present, but that the lights on courtyard wall facing drive and above door in Family Dining Room respectively be installed forthwith for approximately £20 in all. The laying of electrical wires underground in the drive was left to Mr.Parkes for investigation and report.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30th.June,1957 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts paid since June meeting to the amount of £1614.18.8 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £865.10.2 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's Report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS.

The question of Season Tickets were raised again because, when the decision was made at a previous meeting to reduce the charges for these tickets, the members were unaware that two employees were on duty for 1½ hours extra each afternoon solely for the benefit of the Season Ticket holders. On the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was decided to rescind the resolution of the 10th.March and to replace it with a motion that season ticket charges remain as they were for last season, namely, £3.,£2., and 12/6 respectively.

Mr.Snelling submitted the following matters to the meeting:

(1) The need to concrete the path outside Nielsen Park Kiosk, cost of the material being approximately £40. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was decided that this work be carried out.

(2) Further to the question asked at last meeting the Trust was not empowered by the Park By-laws to prevent the drinking of intoxicating liquor at picnics held in the Park.

(3) Though the attendances at Vaucluse House had increased considerably, an advertisement in the Saturday's Herald Amusement Section each week might conceivably increase attendances still more. It was agreed that the Secretary make enquiries as to the cost of such advertising and to report back to next meeting.

The matter of sending dodgers to the various schools pointing out the half-rate charges for school children should be attended to before the swimming season commenced. This matter had been agreed to during the year and the Secretary was now directed to attend to the matter.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.August,1957, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair),
J.A.Kelly,
R.C.Condon,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs.T.E.Schmude, (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.E.S.Miller.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Acting-President reported that since the last meeting he had interviewed F.Irvine, the foreman of Nielsen Park. Irvine had informed him that he was quite satisfied with conditions as they prevailed at present. The Acting-President reported that he had advised Irvine, if he had a grievance at any time, to mention the matter to the Secretary who would convey his grievance to the Trust. It was resolved that the Acting-President's report be adopted.

Mr.Snelling reported that the two pine trees had been removed satisfactorily and that Blackburn had repaired the damage caused by one of the fallen trees. Mr.Snelling also mentioned that, during the past week, he had invited one of the landscape gardeners from the Botanic Gardens to inspect the rockery at Nielsen Park and together with the Head Gardener, they had discussed ways of improving that area.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters from the following were read:

(i) St.Alban's Church of England, Epping, requesting refund of No.1 Pavilion owing to cancellation. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was agreed to refund the amount of £7.10.0.

(ii) Australian Broadcasting Commission advising date of telecast of Vaucluse House was received.

(iii) Dr.Bernhard Ralph, University of Technology, in regard to test nets. The Secretary reported that she had been in communication with Dr.Ralph regarding this matter.

(iv) State Crown Solicitor re breaches of By-laws. This matter was deferred until the appointment of a police officer on the Trust. In the meantime, should the ranger notice any rubbish being deposited on the tip, he was to ascertain name and address of person committing the breach.

(v) Taronga Zoological Park Trust acknowledging receipt of Native Cat, was received.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE .

(vi) The Department of Tourist Activities in regard to reprinting of Folders. It was decided that the matter be held over until next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Confirmation was given on the sale of Polisher for £5.0.0., on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

(ii) Display of Kodachrome Transparencies for sale at Vaucluse House by Mr.D.Wright, was accepted, the Trust to receive 1/- commission on each slide.

(iii) The offer by Mr.Spooner to pucrhase sandstock bricks from old laundry was referred to Mr.Parkes.

(iv) The ruling in regard to charges of erection of tents was clarified:

"When tents were erected for organised picnics,, no charge was to be made."

(v) The question of platform repairs by the Maritime Services Board as mentioned in the Board's letter of the 6th.June was discussed. It was resolved that the Acting-President ascertain from the Board the cost of renewing the platform in new timber and the six piles in good second-hand timber and that the work be carried out in time for the Trust's staff to erect the sharkproof net.

(vi) The Head Gardener's request to remove old creeper from western side of House was granted, on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Snelling.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31st.July, 1957 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since July meeting to the amount of £363.10.6 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £1160.8.3 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was read and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's Report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Snelling reported that his interview with Mr.Harrington of the State Crown Solicitor Office regarding the prospective eviction of Mrs.Roche had elicited the information that the area shown on the Nielsen map as Steel Point is entirely Crown property but that, in 1918, the Trust was granted "permission of occupancy." In 1950 one third of the area was taken for the Radar Station. The Crown Solicitor was proceeding with the usual formal notice to quit service upon Mrs.Roche. It was agreed that if, in the meantime , Mrs.Roche had any suggestions to make, she should interview the Acting-President.

The Acting-President asked approval for a Christmas Party to be held in the grounds of Vaucluse Park for the Mosman Centre of the Spastic Children, at the expense of the Spastic Committee. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, approval was given and arrangements were left to the Acting-President.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY T. Schneider

OTHER MATTERS:

As Mr.Wurth was returning to Sydney on the 9th.of September it was agreed that the next meeting be held on the third Sunday in September instead of the second Sunday as customary.

A request for a power point to be installed to a pole in the grounds of Nielsen Park for the benefit of the organised weekday picnics was considered and approval was given for the work to be carried out providing the charge was not too high .

The Secretary was directed to write to the Engineer, Woollahra Council, for permission to hire the Council's Rotary Mower and driver during the following fortnight.

It was decided to hold a Garden Party to welcome the new Governor during the first week in October, arrangements to be finalised at the next meeting.

The Acting-President on behalf of himself and his co-trustees extended to Mr.Condon deepest sympathy on the death of his wife.

On the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Kelly, Mr.Parkes was authorised to purchase suitable floor covering for the Trustees Room after the room has been painted.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

Wallace C. Wurth

President

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 15th.September,1957 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
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C.Parkes,
[illegible],
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary).

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President referred to the Crown Solicitor's letter relating to breaches of By-laws. On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was resolved that definite instructions be issued to the staff that, when persons were caught breaking the by-laws, name and addresses of such persons were to be taken. Failure to carry out these instructions would be viewed seriously.

The Secretary was instructed that the notice prohibiting parking outside the cottage at Steel Point was to be renewed.

Mr.Mills reported that the Committee of Mosman Spastic Centre had decided to hold their Christmas Party in Vaucluse Park on the 14th.December. The gates of the cottage paddock were to be opened on that date.

CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were received from:-

(i) Department of Lands acknowledging receipt of annual report.

(ii) Woollahra Municipal Council re hiring of cutting machine for £1.0.0 per hour. The President reported that the grass cutting had been most satisfactory and the Trustees expressed their appreciation of the Mayor's efforts in obtaining the machine. The Secretary was directed to write to the Town Clerk expressing thanks to the Council, and at the same time to ask for the hire of the Council's bulldozer for cottage paddock.

(iii) Department of Tourist Activities regarding reprinting of Folder. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed that copies of the Folder be printed, (20,000) the Trust to pay half the cost of £450 and that a minor alteration be made with less emphasis on the commemoration of the centenary of Responsible Government. The President offered to communicate with the Department and arrange for a re-set of the folder. A suggestion was also made by Mr.Barrett that Ansett may handle some type of advertising on behalf of Vaucluse House.

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CHAIRMAN. Wallace C.Wurth ..... T.E.Schmude

CORRESPONDENCE.

(iv) Mr. J.Johnson acknowledged the Trust's letter of sympathy.

(v) Major Martin, Government House, in reference to Trust's invitation to garden party on the 2nd.October next, expressing regret that, owing to a prior engagement the Governor and his wife would be unable to attend. On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed that the garden party be held in abeyance and that the President invite the Governor to an informal visit at a time convenient to His Excellency.

(vi) Department of Lands relating to barbecues being held on the foreshores at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Department pointing out that the Trust had no staff for patrolling that area at night but, if the Lands Department desired to take up the matter with the Police Department the Trust would endorse such action,

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Regarding the question of Season Tickets, the President explained that the main reason for his bringing up this matter again were (1) that numerous complaints of excessive charges for season tickets had been made to him by residents, (2) that, rearrangement of staff's working hours would be preferable to incurring the ill will of local residents. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed the former motion be rescinded and that a new resolution restoring the price of season tickets to the charges made at the meeting of 10th.March,1957, namely: £2.0.0 for family ticket,including husband,wife and all children attending school in the family, irrespective of age; £1.10.0 Single and 12/6 Children, be passed. The Secretary was directed to have a paragraph inserted in the local papers announcing the new charges and also to have a handbill roneoed. Mr.Barrett undertook to circulate these handbills amongst business people in Double Bay.

The question of advertising on Whitford Slides was referred to Mr.Barrett for report, the representative of the advertising agency to be asked to make an appointment with Mr.Barrett.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31st.August,1957 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts paid since August meeting to the amount of £458.1.10 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £761.19.2 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was received and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT.

The Gardener's report was read and received.

CHAIRMAN.....

OTHER MATTERS.

A vote of thanks was moved in appreciation of Mr.Parkes who had accomplished so much in renovating Vaucluse House. The Trustees were most appreciative of the time and effort he had devoted to the renovations.

It was decided to discontinue the advertisements in the Saturday Herald Amusement Section.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller, confirmation was given to the increase of gardener-labourer wage to £15.10.0. Regarding the new wage rate of £18.6.8 for the carpenter. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was decided (1) to increase the amount to the previous rate of £18.18.4 in consideration of his long service and of services rendered by the carpenter to the Trust, such rate to date from the date of the decrease,(2) to continue the rate of £18.18.4 until the award and adjustments thereof reach this amount. It was also agreed that all other employees rates of pay remain as at present, to be adjusted accordingly with the uniform wage adjustments. In regard to Mrs.Westbrook, it was agreed that she be paid at the rate of £11.0.0 per week as attendant at Nielsen (a week of 40 hrs) any hours in excess of 40 to be paid for at this rate, and that Mrs.Fisher be employed as a cleaner at Vaucluse House during the summer season in place of Mrs.Westbrook. Mr.Condon brought up the question of the new rate for weekend casuals, pointing out that, as the Trust was not bound by an award, it might be advisable to keep the rate at 7/3 male and 5/2 female. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Mills.

Mr.Barrett reported that Mr.T.Watson of Tooths Brewery had presented two clocks and several mirrors to Nielsen Park on behalf of his company. The Secretary was instructed to convey the Trustees thanks for his generous action.

The question of badges of authority for employees of the Dressing Sheds was raised. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed to issue badges with instructions for all employees to wear same whilst on duty and the words "N.V.P.Trust-Official" be placed on such badges.

Mr.Snelling asked that the shed at Nielsen be painted green. This was agreed to.

It was resolved that the sandstock bricks be sold to Mr.Spooner for £5 as requested by him.

Mr.Parkes reported that he arranged an appointment with the Assistant Director of the Art Gallery to discuss the arrangement of pictures in Vaucluse House.

Regarding the painting of fences around Vaucluse Park it was decided that these would be attended to when the Trust's staff and funds are available.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.

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Chairman.....

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday 13th.October,1957 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
R.J.Condon,
H.A.Snelling,
J.R.Barrett,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

The President welcomed Mr.J.H.Rogers who had been appointed as a Trustee representing the Police Force, as from 27th.September,1957.

MINUTES. Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that the amount of revenue for season tickets for the Eight-hour weekend amounted to £96. This amount was £72 in excess of the revenue from the same source for the corresponding weekend of last year. On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, the Trustees thanked Mr.Barrett for his donation to the Trust of advertisements announcing the reduced rates of season tickets.

Mr.Vockler's attendance at Nielsen Park as swimming instructor during the season was discussed. The question was raised whether Mr.Vockler should pay a certain fee to the Trust for placing Nielsen Park enclosure at his disposal or whether it would be more advantageous to the Trust to employ its own instructor. The matter was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee for investigation and report at the next meeting or if circumstances warranted, a special meeting could be called for a final decision.

The President reported that he had arranged for the Folders in connection with Vaucluse House to be printed by the Government Tourist Bureau. The necessary alterations were to be made as discussed at the last meeting and the Trust undertook to pay half the cost of £350 instead of the former quote for £450.

Mr.Parkes presented the authority badges to the meeting and the secretary was directed to issue these to the staff of Nielsen and Vaucluse respectively.

Mr.Parkes mentioned that although green had been approved by the last meeting as the most suitable colour for the re-painting of the shed on the wharf, he considered that expense and time would be avoided, if the shed were re-painted in its present shade of red. Mr.Parkes recommendation was adopted and the former motion rescinded on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Snelling. It was also agreed that in future the selection of colours for painting be left to the discretion of Mr.Parkes.

Mr.Parkes reported that the offer by Mr.Spooner to purchase sandstock bricks had been withdrawn.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing twelve months.

President:	Mr.Wallace C.Wurth.
Vice-President:	Mr.N.E.Mills.
Treasurer:	Mr.J.A.Kelly.

Nielsen Park Sub-Committee. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Condon,Miller,Mills,Snelling,Barrett and Rogers.

Vaucluse House and Park Sub-Committee. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Mills,Kelly,Parkes,Miller, Snelling,Barrett and Rogers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Following letters were received:

(i) Miss M.A.Forsyth, Old South Head Road,Rose Bay, offering furniture for sale to the Trust. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, it was decided that the Secretary write to Miss Forsyth informing her that the Trust had no funds available for the purchase of furniture but, should she so desire, they would be pleased to receive a donation of a chair and small table as mentioned in her letter, for display in the Reception Room in Vaucluse House.

(ii) The St.John's Ambulance Brigade thanking Trust for the use of facilities at Nielsen Park.

(iii) The Town Clerk, Woollahra Council, acknowledging Trust's letter thanking Council for use of cutting machine and informing the Trust that bulldozer could be hired for a cost of £6 per half day within the next few weeks. The Secretary reported that the engineer had been in communication with her and that the bulldozer would be available one day during the coming week.

(iv) Tooth and Co.acknowledging Trust's letter of thanks for mirrors and clocks donated to Nielsen Park.

(v) Sydney Ferries announcing that the ferries would commence their hourly service on Sundays and Public Holidays during the summer season from 3rd.November.

(vi) Sydney County Council informing the Trust that an electric light pole in Vaucluse Park was defective and giving the Trust twenty-one days in which to renew same. The Secretary was directed to carry out the work.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The President suggested that the Nielsen Sub-Committee inspect the tip and see if anything could be done to clear it. Mr.Snelling suggested the tip might be cleared by bulldozer while on hire from the Woollahra Council.

The President presented to the meeting a cutting on Vaucluse House from the "Open Road" N.R.M.A.Journal.

Date ..... Chairman .....

FINANCES. Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/57 was discussed and noted.

On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts paid since last meeting to the amount of £510.3.2 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £566.18.1 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's Report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling asked whether Mr.Parkes would be able to obtain a quote to have some of the pictureframes in Vaucluse House renovated. On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was agreed that a quote be obtained.

The President raised the question of charging parking fees for cottage and beach paddocks. The matter was referred to Vaucluse Sub-Committee and to Nielsen Sub-Committee as to whether the parking area at Nielsen should be charged on all Sundays throughout the season whether well attended or not.

On the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed to purchase five rhododendrons two feet in height, from Swains Nursery, at a cost of £1.10.0 per plant.

Mr.Parkes suggested and it was agreed that owing to the stonemason's age it would be advisable to keep him on stonemasonry work indefinitely and employ an extra labourer for Nielsen when required.

P.Munsch was granted one week's leave as from 9th. December,1957 and the Secretary was directed to write a letter over the President's signature expressing Trust's felicitations on his approaching marriage.

On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, the Secretary was instructed to obtain a quote for renewing water service from Pumping Station to Ranger's Cottage at Nielsen Park.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.November,1957.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude. (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.N.E.Mills and J.H.Rogers.

MINUTES. Minutesof previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President drew attention to the comparison of season tickets for the period, Oct-Nov.1957, showing that there was a marked increase this year despite the reduction in cost of tickets, and that the dressing shed attendances were not affected by the change in season ticket prices.

Mr.Condon reported on his interview with Mr.Vockler. He stated that (a) Vockler would be prepared to pay £4/4/- each season for the privilege of teaching swimming in the Nielsen enclosure, (b) he would be given free access to the dressing sheds with the use of a cubicle, (c) he would act as a lifesaver between December and February. After discussing the matter, it was agreed that this proposition be accepted for the current season, but that the matter be reviewed during the winter months before the commencement of the next season.

The President reported that the Town Clerk of Woollahra Council had sent the engineer to inspect cottage paddock and tip and that the engineer had reported that he did not deem it advisable to put the bulldozer over the cottage paddock until the winter months. In regard to the tip,he advised that, after the grader had completed the work on the tip, a slow-burning fire beneath the debris would help considerably. As the tip is a constant source of worry and expense to the Trust, the President suggested that he communicate with the Sanitary Inspector of the Public Health Department and obtain his advice on the matter. This was agreed to.

The President mentioned that Mrs.Roche had vacated the premises at Steel Point on Monday, 4th.November, the date prior to the expiration of the eviction notice. The President suggested that, before P.Wunsch took possession of the cottage, he should interview Wunsch and obtain a written statement from him undertaking to keep the hospital road under reasonable surveillance after working hours, without binding him to keep specific hours or to act as a caretaker in any respect. In this way, it might be possible to detect trespassers who dumped rubbish in this area. He was also, of the opinion that, if posts were erected on the road at each of the three entrances to the look-outs on the same road, they might serve as obstacles to the dumping of rubbish on the look-outs themselves.

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CHAIRMAN.Wallace C.Wurth SECRETARY.T.E.Schmude

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Mr.Condon reported that the sub-committee had made a survey of the Bottle and Glass headland with a view to making an extra car park. The President stated that he would enquire from the Mayor whether the Council could clear this area, the Trust to pay its proportion of the costs involved.

Mr.Condon also reported that on the previous Saturday he had undertaken to authorise the removal of all cars parked adjacent to Kiosk in Nielsen Park. All the owners were amenable except two and, on both occasions, he sought the help of one of the constables in the area at the time. In passing, he would like to mention that the constables were most helpful and courteous. The President again stressed the urgency of all the staff being issued with instructions to take the names, addresses and car numbers of vehicles in this prohibited area, excepting, of course cars authorise -d by the Trust to be parked therein.

CORRPESONDENCE.

(1) Letter from the Vaucluse Progress Association requesting that the Trust take action against vandals in the district. The Trust's secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Progress Association informing him that the Trust was doing everything possible to suppress vandalism in the district and had arranged to have campers removed from the area. In addition the services of the Police had been secured from time to time to suppress vandalism. So far the Trust has had no co-operation from local residents, who could help by notifying the secretary or by taking car numbers of offenders depositing rubbish,etc. in the park. In future, the assistance of the residents would be much appreciated .

The annual report and balance sheet from the Auditor-General were received. The President reported on the suggestions made by the auditor for improved procedures at Nielsen within the present framework of existing staff arrangements and that the necessary instructions had been conveyed by the secretary to the staff at Nielsen. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, the report was received.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The matter of installing a vaseline hair-cream container in the Nielsen Dressing Sheds was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee.

Orchids received from Mr.G.Kiernan of Vaucluse were accepted with thanks and the secretary instructed to acknowledge the gift and convey the Trustees' appreciation.

The quote for renewing water pipes from Pumping Station to Ranger's Cottage at Nielsen Park for £23.10.0 was accepted. Before going on with the work, the matter was referred to the Sub-Committee to ascertain whether, if these pipes were renewed, the lack of water supply to the cottage and to that area for the hosing out of summerhouses, would be overcome.

The quote for installing two sprinklers near the rockery at Nielsen and bubbler in the dressing sheds at a cost of £22 was accepted, on the motion of Mr.Condon,seconded by Mr,Snelling.

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CHAIRMAN H.C.C. Smith ..... SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS. Regarding the question of purchasing a new Bell-Punch Machine for the Dressing Sheds, the President reported that he would try to secure the services of the Government Stores Department to check on the machine at present in use.

FINANCES. Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/10/57 was discussed and noted.

On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Barrett, accounts paid since October meeting to the amount of £1311.1.6 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £747.0.2 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's report was received and discussed.

GARDENER'S REPORT. The Gardener's report was read and received.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling suggested, that a coloured poster advertising Vaucluse House and displayed in each of the dressing sheds might increase the number of visitors to the House.

The President reported that Stannards had communicated with the Secretary during the week and informed her of their decision to run a water-bus service twice daily from the Quay to Nielsen during the school holidays from Monday to Friday from 16th.December,1957. They intimated further that, after Christmas, they would experiment with a service on Saturdays as well.

Mr.Parkes presented a list of necessary work to be done on cottage at Steel Point before being tenanted by the Head Gardener. The cost would be in the vicinity of £80 plus labour. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Barrett, authorisation was given to Mr.Parkes to attend to the necessary repairs.

On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Snelling, it was agreed that an offer of £1 be made to all employees for each breach of the by-laws that they reported. The information must be sufficient on which to prosecute and, in the case of vehicles, the correct name,address and vehicle number would have to be furnished accurately.

A report of the renovations and important maintenance works accomplished in the past year was given by Mr.Parkes, showing the amount of £1,011.10.0 already spent. He submitted a list of further repairs necessary,including enlargement of box gutter of main roof, renewal of portion of the Kiosk roof, work to the old laundry, replacement of certain eaves, guttering and additional painting, approximating a cost of £500. On themotion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Barrett, this permission was granted.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.Wallace Smith.....:SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.December,1957 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT.

Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
N.E.Mills,
R.C.Condon,
J.H.Rogers,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schrnide (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Conncillor) was also present.

APOLOGEES.

Apologies were received from Messrs.E.S.Miller and J.R.Barrett.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The President reported that:

(A) Mr.Vockler had been written to since the last meeting informing him of the Trustees' decision, and that up to the date of this meeting no fee of £4.4.0 had been received from Vockler. The Secretary had been instructed to write to him requesting payment.

(b) Dr.Donellan of the Department of Public Health had inspected the tip at Nielsen Park and had advised that the tip should be filled as soon as possible and covered. He had advised also that the Trust discontinue using the tip and to instal an incinerator instead. The meeting decided that purchase of an incinerator for £162, similar to the type Dr.Donellan had suggested, would be considered during the winter months.

(c) An inspector from the Government Stores had examined the Bell Punch machine at Dressing Sheds and found that, although they had been serviced by the Control Systems during the winter, he had found them in a rusty and dry condition. They had since been oiled by the Government Stores Maintenance Branch. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to cancel the contract with Control Systems which charged £13.5.0 service fee yearly, and to entrust the service of the machines to the Government Stores, which would give two services during the summer months and one workshop service in the winter, at a cost of £8 annually.

(d) The posters advertising Vaucluse House for display in the dressing sheds at Nielsen were being printed.

CHAIRMAN. Wallace C. Wurth ..... SECRETARY. T. E. Schmidt .....

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

(e) The cottage at Steel Pt.was undergoing repairs which were expected to be completed within the next fortnight.

(f) Two persons who had driven their cars into the Park contrary to the by-laws had explained their action. A resolution was moved by Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills that all cars except those authorised by the Trust, e.g. those delivering goods to the Kiosk, those delivering goods to picnics or those specially authorised should be refused access to the park. The Secretary was directed to alter the lock on the gate a give a key of the new lock to authorised trades-people.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were received from:

(i) Dr.Bernhard Ralph concerning test nets.

(ii) Mr.Kogos reporting theft on beach. The Secretary was instructed to express the Trustees' regrets and to inform Mr.Kogos that, if the camera were returned, he would be notified.

(iii) Mr.King, Coolong Road,Vaucluse, regarding undergrowth near his home. It was arranged that a casual labourer be employed for one week to clear the undergrowth.

(iv) Minister for Lands acknowledging Auditor-General's report and balance sheet.

(v) Minister for Lands advising that balance of Government Grant to the amount of £3375 would be forwarded to Rural Bank within a few days.

(vi) Tresillian Home informing Trust that (1) the account for £6 forwarded to them for sewer blockage would be met by the Society (2) no advice of Trust's decision regarding the construction of a brick pit and laying of drainage pipes outside Tresillian entrance gate had been received. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, it was resolved that the Secretary inform the Society that the Trust had no objection to this work being done on the property of the Trust at the expense of the Home.

(vii) Met.Water and Sewerage Board refusing the Secretary's request for permission to hand hose the garden once daily.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The small amount of fire insurances on Trust's dwellings were discussed and on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, the Secretary was instructed to inform the Government Insurance Co. that the insurances on Ranger's Cottage, Nielsen Park, the cottage at Steel Pt. and Gardener's cottage, Vaucluse Park, were to be each raised to £2000.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Wurth SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS. (11) The sinking of a bore to supply water for the garden during the drought was discussed and the President stated that he would ask the Irrigation Commission to inspect the area and report back to the Trust. The matter was to be referred then to the Vaucluse Sub-Committee for necessary action.

SECRETARY'S REBORT . The Secretary's report was received and discussed.

GARDENER'S REBORT. The gardener's report was received.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at the 30th.November,1957 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £832.19.10√ in the case of Nielsen Park and to £631.6.3√in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling requested permission to have a shower installed adjacent to No.3 Pavilion for the use of early morning swimmers. The cost of £8.10.0 would be borne by the swimmers. This was agreed to.

It was decided not to hold a meeting in January unless a special need warranted it.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN Walter E. Smith SECRETARY .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.February,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmide (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.C.Parkes and J.H.Rogers.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence as follows was submitted :

(i) Irrigation Commission reporting as to the construction of a bore in Vaucluse Park, at a maximum cost of £400. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed that the matter be deferred for the present.

(ii) Police Department - in reference to an incident in Nielsen Park on thr 29th.November,1957. The Secretary was directed to thank Superintendent Rogers for his report.

(iii) Mr.Ahearn asking permission because of a war disability to drive his car into Nielsen Park. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, permission was granted.

(iv) Mr.King, thanking the Trust for removing lantana from land adjoining his property.

(v) Health Department asking that the undergrowth be removed from the area surrounding Strickland Hsopital. It was agreed that the Secretary ask the matron of the Hospital that some of the patients might help our staff to clear the area.

(vi) Water Board in reply to Trust's enquiry whether responsibility for maintenance of sewers at Nielsen Park devolved upon Trust or Tresillian. The Board's advice was that it was a joint responsibility. The Board suggested that, in order to overcome frequent blockages, a salt glazed pipeline laid for a distance of about 140 feet, would be preferable to the cast iron pipes in use at present. On the motion of Mr.Condon, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was decided that the Secretary obtain a quote from the Board for this work.

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CHAIRMAN Wallace C Wurth SECRETARY .....

GENERAL BUSINESS.

(i) Account from The Maritime Services Board to the amount of £1023.9.2 was presented. It was agreed that this account be paid but that time of payment be left to President's discretion.

(ii) The Head Gardener's request for five tons of gravel as screening for Olola Avenue drive was approved on the notion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

(iii) Erection of new Pavilion and letting of No.3 Pavilion as a gymnasium with the sole right of teaching swimming. On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Barrett, the matter was held over until next meeting.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at the 31/1/58, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts paid since November meeting to the value of £903.2.6 (December) and £710.1.3 (January) in the case of Nielsen Park and to £457.14.2 (December) and £585.15.5 (January) in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Barrett raised the question of the parking of cars on the hospital road near Steel Point cottage and to the dumping of rubbish on lookouts. The President was asked to arrange to have two police notices and a "no parking" notice erected at conspicuous spots. It was also agreed to have concrete posts sunk near lookouts and a scoop cut in roadside to prevent dumping of rubbish in those sections.

On the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was decided to sell the eleven sheep, the property of the Trust, and return the six to Hawkesbury College.

Mr,Snelling asked that more extensive clearing be carried out behind the stables. As many urgent jobs were awaiting the gardeners attention this work was postponed until later. In the meantime Mr.Mills intimated that he would confer with the engineer of Woollahra Council about the erection of a safety fence.

On the notion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed to purchase two knapsack sprays from the Government Stores ata cost of £14 each.

On the notion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was resolved to advertise once a week in the Herald Amusement columns on Saturdays for a period of two months commencing in March and in the "Open Road" for the same length of time.

A resolution was passed on the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Miller, authorising the Secretary on behalf of the Trustees to sign the tenancy agreement for P.Wunsch, Steel Point.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.March,1958.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
M...l ls,
L.S.I ller,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H...Shellin ,
J.H.Rogers,
Mrs. T.E.Schmido (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.A.Kelly and R.C.Condon.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Gas Employees Picnic Committee asking whether the Trust could suggest an alternate means of reaching Nielsen Park from the harbour. Manly ferries were able to tie up neither at Nielsen Park because of their deep draught nor at Vaucluse Bay because the wharf there was being demolished. The Secretary was directed to write to the Committee and suggest that the committee communicate with the new owners of the "Showboat" as this boat might have a shallow enough draught to berth at Nielsen Park.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (1) Erection of extra Pavilion at Nielsen - On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was agreed that the Pavilion be erected subject to a check by Mr.Parkes on the approximate cost of erection and plan of building. The cost submitted to the meeting was £1200, plus fittings and labour.

(2) Regarding the letting of No.3 Pavilion, it was decided to insert another advertisement in the Herald later in the year.

(3) On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Mills it was resolved that the Secretary ask permission of Woollahra Council to erect gates in place of posts at road end of Bottle and Glass, after the Council had cleared its section of lantana on road. It was further resolved that, if this permission be granted, the area be cleared for extra parking space in readiness for the next season at Nielsen Park.

(4) Regarding the signs to be erected on the hospital road, Mr.Rogers offered to send one of his men to inspect the road and make suggestions as to the placing of notices.

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CHAIRMAN .....SECRETARY.....

ENERAL BUSINESS.

During the course of the meeting Mr.P.Wunsch, Head Gardener, sought permission to interview the Trust, on the ground that he had the impression the Trustees were dissatisfied with his work. Mr.Wunsch's request was granted and he stated:-

(a) He had no grounds to support his impression except that he was frequently asked by certain Trustees to attend to particular jobs, and this rendered his task more difficult;

(b) He did not know how he stood in respect of instructions from the Secretary.

Mr.Wunsch was informed -

(a) That, because a request to carry our certain work it did not necessarily follow the Trust was dissatisfied with his work, he must not resent such requests or instructions.

(b) That the Trust was generally well satisfied with his work and had passed resolutions to that effect. (A particular incident not previously under the Trust's notice was mentioned and discussed with Mr.Wunsch).

(c) That he must carry out directions of the Secretary, who was authorised by the Trust to give directions to all members of the staff.

(d) That, if he received conflicting directions he should refer the matter to the Secretary.

(e) That he was expected to ensure that matters coming under public notice,e.g. lawn cutting, must receive priority. He, as head gardener, was expected to plan the work to the best advantage.

The Trustees reiterated their view that, in general, instructions to the staff should be given through the Secretary or the President.

FINANCE.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 28/2/58, was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills, accounts paid since February meeting to the value of £243.7.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £709.1 s.0, in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS?

On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Miller, the matter of placing an amount on fixed deposit at the Rural Bank was left to the President to arrange if he so decides.

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CHAIRMAN. Miller ..... SECRETARY. .....

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr.Miller suggested that the interior lighting of showcases would enable patrons to view more easily the documents exhibited therein and the matter was referred to Mr.Parkes.

The members of the Trust expressed regret at the death of Mr.W.P.McGrath and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs.McGrath expressing the Trustees' sympathy in her bereavement and their appreciation of the public services rendered by her late husband& particularly the assistance given by their late Trustee during his term of office.

Leave of absence for four months was granted to the President during his forthcoming visit to the United States and, on behalf of the Trustees, Mr.Snelling conveyed his best wishes for a very successful journey.

TING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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.....SECRETARY.....

HIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.April,1958 at 10 a.m.

R.S.P.C.A. Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair)
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
[illegible],
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. C.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.J.H.Rogers.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. A report from Superintendent Rogers on the erection of signs on the hospital was read and discussed. After full consideration, it was agreed that, as there had been no parking difficulties or dumping of rubbish recently, the matter be deferred for the present. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the report and convey the Trustees' thanks to Superintendent Rogers for time and effort he had put into the report.

Mr.Parkes reported that he had investigated the lighting of the showcases in Constitution and Reception Rooms. He was of the opinion that, as it would be costly to instal lights in the showcases themselves, extra lighting in the Constitution Room would be a helpful alternative. The cost would be in the vicinity of £20. Furthermore, he believed that if the printed papers were copied in type and placed in the cases, they would be more legible and present a much more attractive appearance. He suggested that green felt be placed as a lining in cases instead of the paper as at present. On the notion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Snelling, the lighting arrangements were left to Mr.Parkes' discretion.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received and read from the following:

(i) Nielsen Park Life Saving Club informing the Trustees that the Club had won the March Past at the Championship Carnival and inviting them to view the trophy at their convenience. The Secretary was directed to congratulate the Club on its success.

(ii) Conveyancer Social Club requesting refund on cancellation of No.2 Pavilion on the 16th.March,1958. On the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Barrett, it was resolved that £5.5.0 be refunded and the balance of £2.2.0 retained for the Trust's expenses involved.

(iii) Mr.Samuel Nossovitzky explaining his reason for being parked in Nielsen Park. As the date and time conflicted with those in the report given to the Secretary, it was agreed that the Secretary acknowledge the letter, accepting the explanation and clarifying the parking regulations for Mr.Nossovitzky.

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E.S.Miller ..... C.E.Schmude .....

CORRESPONDENCE. (iv) Report and quote from the Water Board for renewing, in 6" cast iron pipes, the 140 feet defective salt glazed ware pipes of the sewerage service in Nielsen Park, for approximately £180. As these pipes serve the Trosillian Hospital and not the Trust's property, it was agreed to defer the matter until later.

GENERAL BUSINESS. (i) Quote for concreting path on hydrangea walk at a cost of £622.5.6 and re-concreting a further broken section of this path at a cost of £91 was accepted on the notion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Barrett.

(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31/3/58, was discussed and noted.

(ii) As the ratifications were not typed in readiness for the meeting, Mr.Parkes moved that the Secretary read the cheques drawn during March. On the notion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Kelly, the accounts paid since March meeting to the value of £5670.18.5 (including £4000 Fixed Deposit) in the case of Nielsen Park and to £840.6.5 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS. In regard to advertising in "The Open Road" for a period of two months, it was agreed that Mr.Snelling interview Sir Norman Nock and Mr.Mills communicate with Mr.Tait with a view to having a paragraph on Vaucluse House inserted in the "Open Road" instead of a formal advertisement in the classified columns.

To encourage visitors to use the Kiosk in Vaucluse Park it was suggested that Messrs.Snelling and Halbert seek Mr.McCole's co-operation in providing better refreshments particularly at weekends.

Mr.Parkes reported that since the last meeting the flat roof on the House had been completed at a cost of £225 which was well below the estimate of £300. Mr.Parkes asked permission to have the top corridor renovated now that the roof over this section had been repaired. Permission was granted.

Permission was given to the Secretary to purchase an iron wheelbarrow for Nielsen Park at a cost of £12.9.0 .

The Secretary reported that she had written to the Woollahra Council asking for the hire of Council's Rotary Mower and Bulldozer during the next few weeks when grass will have ceased to grow.

At Mr.Miller's request an extra sign is to be erected at the entrance to enclosure and on the diving tower during the winter months bearing the words "Warning - No Sharkproof Net".

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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Chairman ..... Secretary .....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 11th.May,1958 at 10 a.m.

Messrs.N.H.Mills (In the Chair)
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J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
[illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible],
Mrs.D.M.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

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An apology was received from Mr.J.H.Rogers.

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Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Mr.Snelling reported that he had interviewed Sir Norman Nock about advertising in "The Open Road" and had been referred to Mr.Morrall. Mr.Morrall declared his willingness to co-operate and intimated that he would call at Vaucluse House during the coming week in company with Mr.Snelling.

[illegible] shelters at Vaucluse and Nielsen Parks and Council's reply thereto were read and discussed. It was agreed that the Acting-President obtain from Council the estimated cost of shelter and, if this was not too high, the Trust might consider contributing half of the cost of such shelter.

Letters were received and read from the following:

(i) Woollahra Council informing Trust that Bulldozer and Rotary Mower would be available during the present month.

(ii) Woollahra Council in reference to erection of gates in Greycliffe Avenue. On the motion of Mr.Barrett seconded by Mr.Snelling, it was resolved that the Secretary authorise the Council to take the necessary action to incorporate the road in Nielsen Park.

(iii) Maritime Services Board attaching a letter from K.B.Cook relating to a boat hiring proposition in Vaucluse Bay. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr,Kelly, the Secretary was instructed to inform the Maritime Services Board that the Trust was not prepared to allow access through its property to anyone wishing to carry on a business and that also they were of the opinion that boat hiring would create a nuisance to the local residents.

(iv) Government Insurance Office re policy for Storm and Tempest, vandalism and malicious damage. It was resolved that the extra premium rate for storm and tempest at 9d% not be accepted. The Secretary was instructed to attend to this matter.

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N.H.Mills ..... D.M.Schmude .....

GENERAL BUSINESS. Confirmation of basic wage increase as from the first full pay period in May , 5/- Male, 4/- Female and 4/6 female clerical increase as from the 19th.February, was given on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31/4/58 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of £938.4.5/in the case of Nielsen Park and to £933.7.6/ in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling suggested that, after the advertising contract in the Herald had expired at the end of May, the Trust renew the contract for one month, not at the prevailing rate of £3.4.0 but with a smaller advertisement at, say £1.10.0 to £2.0.0 per week. On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Condon, it was agreed that the Secretary make enquiries of the Herald about rates for smaller advertisements.

Mr.Miller asked that the word "Please" be put on all signs where necessary and the Secretary informed the meeting that she had instructed the signwriter to this effect but that, up to date, none of the signs had been repainted.

The matter of oil and debris at Nielsen Park was brought to the notice of the meeting and the Secretary was directed to write to the Maritime Services Board complaining of the pollution of water at Nielsen Park last week and on other occasions caused by oil and refuse being dumped from ships in the harbour leaving their mark on the beach for days at a time.

Mr.Kelly suggested that, as the hydrangeas were of such a poor variety and rarely made any show, it may be possible to replace them at some time with azaleas and the Secretary was asked to confer with the Head Gardener as to the advisability of planting azaleas in that area and to estimate the approximate cost.

The Acting-President on behalf of the Trustees congratulated Mr.Parkes on the Doctorate of Science conferred upon him recently by the University of Technology.

..TING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 8th.June,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair),
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

Mr.H.J.Halbert (Councillor) was also present.

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.R.C.Condon.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The Acting-President reported that he had consulted the Engineer of the Woollahra Council in regard to bus shelters at Nielsen and Vaucluse Parks and that the engineer would go into the matter and submit cost to the Trust.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letters were received and read from the following:

(i) Government Insurance Office in reference to the insuring of contents of buildings against storm and tempest damage. It was agreed that an appointment be made for an officer of the Government Insurance Company to interview Mr.Parkes about a comprehensive policy.

(ii) Request from Eastern Suburbs Ambulance Service for annual donation of £5.5.0 was granted, on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Barrett.

(iii) Chas.E.Blanks quoting advertising rates on cinema slides was discussed. It was resolved that no advertising be given.

GENERAL BUSINESS. The employment of Sam Gatt replacing W.Stevens was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/5/58 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of £532.12.0 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £548.17.7 in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

OTHER MATTERS.

A report submitted by P.Wunsch, Head Gardener, on the replacement of hydrangeas by azaleas was discussed. It was resolved that two members of the Vaucluse Sub-Committee, Messrs.H.Snelling and J.Kelly, investigate the matter and report later to the meeting.

Mr.Barrett reported that he had made enquiries about the engagement of Bands and/or Orchestras for Sunday concerts in the outer Vaucluse Park. Excluding Naval and Army Bands, eleven bands affiliated with the Band Association of N.S.W., from which selection might be made. He submitted the name of Mr.Turner, Chief Executive Officer of the Association, and suggested that the Secretary discuss particulars of cost,etc.with Mr.Turner. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Acting-President enquire of Mr.Rogers whether the Police Band would be available for engagement at Vaucluse House on the 21st.September, the opening of the Wistaria Season. It was also resolved that the Acting-President communicate with Sir Bernard Heinz to ascertain the cost of having an orchestra occasionally in place of the Band. Mr.Mills agreed to do this and to report to the next meeting the result of his enquiries.

MEETING CLOSED.

The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 13th.July,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.N.E.Mills (In the Chair)
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
J.R.Rogers,
R.C.Condon,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGY. An apology was received from Mr.H.J.Halbert.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Mr.Parkes reported that he had interviewed a representative of the Government Insurance Company in regard to insuring buildings and contents thereof against storm and tempest damage and thatathe representative had informed him that the Fire policies now in existence covered buildings and contents and that the extra cover would embrace the same .

Mr.Rogers mentioned that he had made enquiries regarding the engagement of the Police Band for the opening of the Wistaria Season on Sunday, 21st. September,1958. The Band would be available for that date and the Secretary was directed to make a formal application to the Commissioner for the Band to be present from 2.30 to 4 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Maritime Services Board in reply to Trust's letter regarding pollution of water at Nielsen Park. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the Board's letter and to point out that as the Trustees main concern was in regard to the presence of oil, and as the source of this must be attributed to shipping, the Trustees feel that the Board will keep this matter in mind.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Quotations for tiling of newpavilion were discussed and it was agreed, on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Snelling, that the quote from John Collins to the amount of £207.4.3 be accepted.

FINANCE. Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 30/6/58 was discussed and noted.

On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon, accounts paid since last meeting to the value of £645.0.7/ in the case of Nielsen Park and to £957.3.7/ in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS: Copies of "The Open Road" showing the two page advertisement of Vaucluse House was presented to the meeting. All were unanimous in praise of the excellent matter presented by Mr.Worrall and as the paper had such a large circulation it was felt that the results should be most satisfactory.

Mr.Parkes reported on the excellent job carried out by C.Griffiths in draining the cellar and overcoming the constant seepage and suggested that at a later date a flagged path leading from the western side of verandah to the cellar be constructed and to continue the cement path from the steps to this path. He also asked that as finances were now available it would be advisable to have the front of House repainted. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Snelling this work was agreed to.

Mr.Snelling suggested that as the Guard House was a feature of Vaucluse House it would be advisable at some future date to renovate the exterior and the matter was left to the discretion of Mr.Parkes.

A discussion regarding the Beach Paddock took place and it was resolved that this matter be referred to the Sub-Committee for further investigation.

On behalf of the Trustees the Acting President congratulated Mr.Parkes on the honour conferred upon him by the Queen. He also informed the Trustees that Mr.Schmude was ill in hospital and extended on behalf of himself and his co-trustees the wish that Mr.Schmude would make a rapid and complete recovery.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN Wallace C. Smith. SECRETARY T. R. Schmude

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 10th.August,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
R.C.Condon,
H.A.Snelling,
J.R.Rogers.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.C.Parkes, E.S.Miller and H.J.Halbert.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

The Secretary had informed him that a verbal message had been received from the Police Department to the effect that the Police Military Band would be available for Sunday, 21st.September,1958 and that this advice would be confirmed in writing during the coming week.

He had observed the two page advertisement of Vaucluse House in "The Open Road". It had impressed him as an attractive presentation.

The erection of the new Pavilion at Nielsen Park had been delayed during the past week because the carpenter had been incapacitated by an arm injury. He hoped that the work would be resumed within the next few days.

The Government Printer had requested photos of Vaucluse House for display in London and the Secretary had sent nine photos in answer to that request.

During his voyage on the Matson Liners he had noticed that there were only a few folders of Vaucluse House on board and in order to remedy this defect he had arranged with the Government Tourist Bureau to supply more literature to the Shipping Line in question. He believed there would be a greater influx of tourists if the House was advertised more extensively.

GENERAL BUSINESS. A quotation for re-wiring the present Burglary Alarm system, to the amount of £97 by the Metropolitan Burglar Alarm Company was accepted, on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon.

A folder from Station 2 SM advertising Vaucluse House was discussed and the matter wasleft to the President to examine the possibilities of such advertising. If he considered conditions satisfactory he was authorised by the meeting to contract for the month's advertising.

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CHAIRMAN. W.C.Wurth SECRETARY. T.E.Schmude

FINANCE. Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31/7/58 was discussed and noted.

On the notion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Condon,accounts paid since last meeting to the value of £1195.19.1/ in the case of Nielsen Park and to £472.13.8/in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Snelling suggested that it might be a graceful tribute to Mr.Halbert if the new Pavilion were named the "Halbert Memorial". A suitable plaque to be prepared as determined after consultation with Mr.Parkes. This wasunanimously agreed to and the President was asked to convey this to Mr.Halbert who was at present ill in hospital.

The question of a means of improving the fence at Nielsen Park facing Greycliffe Avenue to prevent cars from damaging the fence was discussed and the matter was referred to the Nielsen Park committee.

The President suggested that asthe present credit balance in the Trust's account was now only £576, the Special Investment Account of £590.1.3 be transferred to the current account. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Snelling.

An enquiry had been made through the Secretary in regard to a reduced rate for approximately sixty Old Aged Pensioners who intended to visit Vaucluse House during the coming month. The President suggested that the charge be half the present rate of 1/6 admission and this was approved.

On thenotion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Kelly, payment of £27 for two Carley Floats from Strides Shipyards was verified. The President thanked Mr.Snelling for his interest in this matter.

The Secretary was directed to report on the provision of extra garden seats placed in Vaucluse Park and at the look-outs on the hospital road at Nielsen Park.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.September,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
E. C.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
R.C.Condon,
C.Parkes,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Messrs.J.R.Rogers and H.J. Talbert.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that:

(1) As agreed at the previous meeting he had examined the advertising proposition as submitted by Station 2 SM. He believed that its terms, viz: six announcements weekly of 50 words at an aggregate rate of £9.18.0, such announcements to be prepared free of charge by 2 SM's copy department, compared favourably with the Station's ordinary breakfast session rates of £2.11.0 per announcement. After consultation with Public Relations expert he had accepted the Station's offer. The advertising would continue for eight weeks and the Secretary would compare the admission attendance for the period of advertising against the corresponding period of the previous year. So far the first comparable weekend return showed an increase of more than £25.

(2) He had been in communication with Sydney Ferries in regard to the ferry service for the forthcoming season at Nielsen Park . The ferries would operate from 2nd. November to 23rd.March,weather permitting, on Sundays and Public Holidays. Sydney Ferries were negotiating with Stannards to ascertain whether a waterbus service could be run from Mondays to Saturdays during the Christmas school holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Police Department in reference to Police Band and President's reply thereto was received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Employment of K.Hall replacing C.Carnana was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Condon.

FINANCE. (1) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 31/8/58 was discussed and noted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

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CHAIRMAN. W C Wurth ..... SECRETARY. T E Schmude .....

OTHER MATTERS.

The Trustees noted the report by the Secretary of a theft of flowers from Vaucluse Park and confirmed the President's direction that the matter be placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor with a view to prosecuting the offender.

The meeting confirmed Mr.Parkes' instructions to build a wall on either side of the canal in the northern section of Vaucluse Park.

The President reported that a grandfather clock had been loaned to the House by Mr.Toombs of Balfour Road, Rose Bay. The Trustees confirmed the action taken and expressed their appreciation.to Mr.Snelling for making the necessary arrangements.

On the motion of Mr.Barrett, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed to replace all posts wilfully knocked over on the hospital road. The Secretary was directed to instruct the foreman at Nielsen Park to have a trough built in front of the posts to render it more difficult for a truck to get away should another attempt be made to destroy the posts.

Mr.Barrett offered to provide advertising space in the Wentworth News, the Courrier and on the local picture screens for this week announcing that the wistaria season would commence from the 21st.September and that the Police Military Band would open the season. The President on behalf of the Trustees thanked Mr.Barrett for his generosity.

The following matters were brought to the notice of the Trustees by the President:

(1) As up to £2000 would have to be drawn upon from the Fixed Deposit within the next couple of weeks, he urged that expenses be reduced to a minimum in regard to the erection of the new pavilion. Furthermore, he considered that the steps at both entrances of the pavilion should be constructed as economically as possible. Mr.Parkes stated that he had instructed the stonemason to make the steps of rough stone and that the cost would not be excessive.

(2) The attendant at the Womens' Dressing Sheds, Mrs.J.Westbrook, had asked for an increase in wages because two-thirds of her time during the summer months was spent as a cashier. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr,Kelly, an increase of 6d, making the new rate 6/- per hour, was granted. Her request for the provision of a washing machine was deferred for the present.

(3) The labourers who spent some hours each week truck driving requested that they be paid the wages of truck drivers. The matter was left to the President to conform to the Award requirements.

(4) The request of the gardeners for additional amenities was referred to Mr.Parkes.

(5) The necessity for a new gas bath heater for Irvine's cottage at Nielsen Park was referred to Mr.Parkes for report.

The necessity for patrolling the hospital road and Bottle and Glass was discussed. The President will discuss with the Commissioner of Police the possible courses of action.

Mr.Snelling informed the Trustees that about 50 members of the Millions Club were visiting Vaucluse House on this Sunday,14th.September.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN...[illegible]...SECRETARY...T J Edwards...

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 12th.October,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT. Messrs. Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
N.E.Mills,
J.A.Kelly,
E.S.Miller,
C.Parkes,
R.C.Condon,
J.R.Barrett,
H.A.Snelling,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing twelve months.

President:	Mr.Wallace C.Wurth,
Vice-President.	Mr.N.E.Mills,
Treasurer,	Mr.J.A.Kelly.

Nielsen Park Sub-Committee. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Condon,Mills,Miller,Snelling,Barrett and Rogers.

Vaucluse House and Park. The President ex-officio, Messrs.Mills,Kelly,Parkes,Miller,Snelling,Barrett and Rogers.

MINUTES. Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. The President reported that, after comparing admissions for September 1957/58 he thought the results of the 2 SM radio advertising were most satisfactory. He also mentioned that, since there were two licenced drivers in Trust's employ at Nielsen Park, he did not consider it necessary for either of the labourers who drove the truck to exceed 20 driving hours per week. Instructions to this effect had been issued to Irvine by the Secretary.

Mr.Parkes reported that the bath heater at the ranger's cottage,Nielsen Park, was beyond repair. Acting on the authority he had received at the previous meeting, he had directed the secretary to purchase a new heater at a cost of £18.10.0 This had now been purchased and installed by Irvine himself. As regards the amenities for the gardeners at Vaucluse Park, Mr.Parkes said he had conferred with the head gardener and the matter was left in abeyance for the present.

CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were received and read:

(i) The Crown Solicitor in regard to Mrs.Happ. The President reported that prosecution was under way. As the Crown Solicitor had pointed out that the removal but not the picking of flowers in the park came within the Trust's By-laws, he suggested that By-law No.12 be amended. It was agreed that Mr.Snelling draw up a draft for consideration by the Parliamentary draughtsman,and at the same time, arrange for a new by-law making it an offence for owners to have boats on Nielsen or Vaucluse beaches unless authorised by the Trustees.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE. (ii) Director of Art Gallery presenting to the Trust portrait Bust of John Blaxland and two Florentine Marble Groups which had been on loan to Vaucluse House for some years. The Secretary was directed to thank the Trustees of the Art Gallery and inform them that the Trust would be pleased to accept the sculptures.

(iii) Mr.Ayling, Station 2 SM, thanking the Trust for the advertising placed with that station. It was suggested that the President discuss further proposals with the Manager, Mr.Stephenson. If not too costly, one weekly announcement in which Vaucluse and Nielsen Park would be mentioned might by worthy of continuance.

(iv) President's letter to the Police Military Band thanking them for their services on the 21st.September and the reply thereto, was noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Confirmation of engagement of K.Carmody and M.Wilkinson was given on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes.

FINANCE. (i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30/9/58 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts paid since September meeting to the amount of £829.19.5 in the case of Nielsen Park and to £518.18.0/ in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

OTHER MATTERS. It was resolved that the Secretary communicate with the Police Military Band, the Eastern Command Band, and the St.John's Ambulance Band to ascertain if they would be available to play one Sunday early in the New Year and at Easter. Mr.Mills volunteered to contact Mr.Moses and enquire asto the possibilities of tne A.B.C. arranging a concert in Vaucluse Park and what facilities would have to be provided by the Trust.

Regarding an enquiry from the Vaucluse Progress Association to hold a social gathering at 8 p.m. on Friday 12th.December in the Vaucluse Kiosk, it was resolved that the Secretary inform the President of the Association that the Trust would not establish a precddent by allowing any night functions. The Trust, however, would have no objection to any social gathering being held in the Kiosk, provided the function ended not later tnan 6.30 p.m. and was subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the lessee of the Kiosk. This time of closing also applied to Mr.Barrett,who had been unable to reserve a pavilion at Nielsen Park for his staff's annual Christmas party and who was desirous of holding the party at the Vaucluse Kiosk.

The request by the head gardener for a new rotary mower, to replace the 18" Victa, whose performance left much to be desired, was held over ob Mr.Mills' suggestion until the advice of the engineer of the Woollahra Council had been obtained as to what he thought was necessary in the way of machinery for Vaucluse Park.

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CHAIRMAN..... HON. SEC'Y.....

OTHER MATTERS. The President reported that:

(1) The new pavilion was almost completed and was satisfactory.

(2) He had arranged with the foreman at Nielsen Park that the hospital road be cleaned regularly once a week,

(3) That an inspection of the grounds on Saturday showed a fair amount of rubbish above the steps adjacent to No.3 pavilion and that he had instructed the foreman to have this cleared;

(4) He would arrange for the head gardener at the Parramatta Hospital to inspect the wistaria at Vaucluse and advise the Trust what he would suggest to improve the vines. Mr.Parkes suggested that it might be a good idea to have a pergola erected on the hydrangea walk and plant wistaria upon it as wistaria was always connected with Vaucluse House. This was referred to the Vaucluse Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

Before the close of the meetimg Mr.Mills moved that the Trustees(thanks be extended to the President and Mr.Parkes for the many hours they had devoted to the Trust during the past twelve months. In reply, the President thanked Mr.Mills and his fellow-trustees for their co-operation.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 9th.November,1958 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT

Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair),
N.E.Mills,
C.Parkes,
E.S.Miller,
J.A.Kelly,
J. [illegible],
H.A.Snelling,
J.H.Rogers.
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

The President reported the death of the late R.C.Condon and regretted that the Trust had lost such a valuable and co-operative Trustee. The Trustees recorded their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Mr.Condon. As a mark of respect to his memory the Trustees stood in silence for one minute.

MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

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The President notified the Trustees that:

(1) In answer to Mr.Mills' request to the General Manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Mr.Moses, two technicians from the Commission would visit Vaucluse House on Monday afternoon to test the acoustics before making further arrangements to hold a Symphony Concert in the grounds of Vaucluse Park.

(2) The Head Gardener of Parramatta Hospital, Mr.Jack Russell, would interview the Trust's head gardener on this coming Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. and asked if any of the Trustees would care to be present. Messrs.Parkes,Mills and Barrett offered their services.

(3) The posts had been replaced on the hospital road the previous week and one section had been broken already. Mr.Miller suggested that, perhaps, the Woollahra Council might cut the rock in front of posts to make it difficult for offenders to get away but, as there was no lighting on the road, the meeting considered that this measure would be dangerous to pedestrians. The Secretary was directed to have the posts replaced once more, in an effort to catch the offending persons.

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The following letters were received and read:

(1) Mrs.A.Abbott requesting permission to reproduce a painting of Vaucluse House on greeting cards to be sold for her own profit. On the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Mills, this permission was granted.

(2) Australian Consolidated Press requesting that one of the heats in regard to the Sand Castle Competition be held at Nielsen Park on Friday, 16th. January. This permission was given.

CHAIRMAN.....SECRETARY.....

CORRESPONDENCE

(3) Bondi Presbyterian Sunday School asking that their picnic be held this year in the park adjacent to Vaucluse Kiosk. As the Trustees did not wish to create a precedent, request was declined but the Secretary was directed to inform the applicants that permission would be given to hold the picnic either in the beach reserve at Vaucluse or at Nielsen Park.

(4) St.John's Ambulance Brigade reporting theft in their First Aid Room at Nielsen Park and asking if it were possible to have another room closer to the Dressing Sheds where closer supervision could be exercised. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Snelling, the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. de Vere regretting the theft but pointing out that the Trust did not have any other room available, that the window locks had been repaired and that the walls, floor and chairs would be painted within the next few weeks.

(5) Department of the Navy acknowledging Trust's letter regarding Floats and informing Trust that the matter was under consideration.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary's Report was received and discussed/

FINANCE. (1) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on the 31/10/58 was discussed and noted.

(2) On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Parkes, accounts paid since October meeting to the amount of £1308.5.11/in the case of Nielsen Park and to £729.8.1/in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

OTHER MATTERS. Mr.Parkes reported that:

(1) The cost of the new pavilion excluding Trust's labour but including wages for relief carpenter amounted to £1452.

(11) Ventilation of the Secretary's flat had been given a great deal of thought and he considered that a standard pedestal Fan costing £29 might improve the position and would be more economical than extensive insulation. On the motion of Mr.Kelly, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was resolved to purchase the fan.

The following matters were brought to the Trustees' notice by the President:-

(1) Mr.Snelling had drawn up draft By-laws as approved at the previous meeting and, if the Trustees agreed to the draft, he would send such draft to the Lands Department for inclusion in the By-laws of the Trust. On the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Barrett, the draft was adopted and signed by the Trustees present.

CHAIRMAN ..... SECRETARY .....

OTHER MATTERS.

(2) As the personnel of the Trust had increased from seven to nine during the past four years, he was of the opinion that, for the present, the vacancy caused by the death of Mr.Condon be left open. This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Miller.

(3) The purchase of a Scott Bonnar Rotary Mower for £54.14.6 was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr.Parkes. The matter of disposing of the present Victa Mower was left for further enquiry by Mr.Mills of the the Woollahra Council's engineer.

(4) Mr.Parkes had inspected curtains made by Mrs.Bickell and hung in Reception Room and Display Rooms respectively and reported that they were quite satisfactory.

(5) As the Secretary noticed that there were parts of the garden not attended to regularly, she had drawn up a list of duties for each member of the Vaucluse staff so that these neglected parts might receive attention and each employee be responsible for certain works under his care. Duties of Nielsen staff were also being investigated and the foreman was asked to make any suggestions he thought fit. This action was confirmed.

(6) The free advertisement in the "Power Points" magazine had been perused by the Trustees. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr.Kerr and obtain his permission to use blocks in other publications, possibly in "The Open Road".

(7) The engagement of Alf Vockler at a fee of £6.6.0 for the season as swimming instructor in the enclosure at Nielsen Park and as week day beach inspector was confirmed. The President reported that Mr.Alf Vockler proposed to employ his cousin, Mr.Goff Vockler, to assist him in this work during the Christmas holidays.

(8) The electrical failure in ranger's cottage at Nielsen Park and the necessary repairs were reported by Mr.Parkes. The repairs were confirmed by the meeting.

On the motion of Mr,Snelling, seconded by Mr.Miller, it was approved to have the holes in roof of No.1 Pavilion patched by the painter and for the new iron to be replaced after the season ended.

It was agreed that Mr.Parkes arrange for a plaque bearing the title "Halbert Pavilion" to be attached to the new pavilion.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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NIELSEN-VAUCLUSE PARK TRUST.

Minutes of Meeting held at Vaucluse House on Sunday, 14th.December,1958 at 10 a.m.

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Messrs.Wallace C.Wurth (In the Chair)
N.K.Mills,
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E.S.Miller,
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H.A.Snelling,
J.H.Rogers,
Mrs. T.E.Schmude (Secretary)

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An apology was received from Mr.J.R.Barrett.

INUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

TTERS ARISING

The President reported that:

(i) He had inspected the posts on the hospital road on the past two Saturdays. Although the foreman had assured him that the posts had been replaced on Friday,12th.December, they were again down at the time of his inspection. He had given instructions for them to be replaced this week in an effort to catch the offender.

(ii) H.Westbrook was still painting the First Aid Room. The re-plastering of walls had occupied a great deal of his time. The painting of walls was now completed and the furniture and floor would be painted this coming week.

(iii) The Lands Department proposed to appoint another Trustee in the place of the late Mr.R.C.Condon.

(iv) The Department of the Navy had acceded to his request to furnish the Trust with twelve Carley Flats, 6' x 4', at £7 each. Trust's truck would collect these within the next few days.

RRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were received and read:-

(i) Minister for Lands acknowledging Trust's annual report of activities and finances together with the Auditor-General's Balance Sheet and Report for the year ended 30th.June,1958, and conveying to the Trustees his appreciation of their management of both Vaucluse and Nielsen Parks. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the Minister's letter.

(ii) Auditor' General's Balance Sheet and Annual Report was received and the Secretary was requested to acknowledge these with the Trustees' thanks.

(iii) State Crown Solicitor re prosecution of Mrs.Happ. On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Mills, it was agreed that no further action be taken on the matter and the Secretary was directed to so notify the Crown Solicitor.

W.C.Wurth ..... / Schmude ....

CORRESPONDENCE.

(iv) Australian Consolidated Press requesting judges for the Sand Castle Competition to be held at Nielsen Park on Friday,16th.January. Mr.Mills as Vice-President of the Trust in conjunction with Mrs.Mills consented to accept the invitation.

(v) Adjutant General, Eastern Command, informing Trust that the Band would be pleased to perform in Nielsen Park on Sunday,8th.February. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the above letter with thanks and Mr,Snelling suggested that the Secretary inform the Editor of "The Open Road" of the forthcoming band recital so that a par might be inserted in this paper prior to the event.

(vi) Vaucluse Progress Association requesting that dogs be kept out of the swimming enclosure. The Secretary was instructed to inform the President of the Association that instructions had been issued to the foreman to impound all dogs found in the enclosure.

(vii) Mrs.G.Sernack regarding paint that had allegedly damaged her swimming costume when she brushed against float in enclosure. The Secretary was instructed to request Mrs.Sernack to send costume to the Trust for inspection and that the matter would then receive the Trust's consideration. If necessary, the matter then to be referred to the Government Insurance Office.

(viii) Application by Kay Gee Enterprises et erect a merry-ge-round and horse-o-plane in Nielsen Park during the Christmas schbol holidays was refused.

ERAL BUSINESS.

(i) The engagement of B.Sames vice K.Carmody was approved on the motion of Mr.Kelly , seconded by Mr.Mills.

(ii) Quotation for repairs to 17" Atco Motor Mower to the amount of £20.4.0 was accepted and it was agreed that, if the mower broke down again in the near future, the purchase of a new Atco would be considered.

(iii) The request from Clyde Waggon Works to pay £30 for admissions to the enclosure at their next annual picnic was granted and Trust's secretary was directed to inform the Secretary of the Picnic Committee that the matter would be reviewed by the Trust in respext of future years.

ECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's Report was received and discussed.

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(i) Statement showing financial position of the Trust as at close of business on 30th.Nov.1958 was discussed and noted.

(ii) On the motion of Mr.Parkes, seconded by Mr.Kelly, accounts paid since November meeting to the amount of £2542.12.5/ in the case of Nielsen Park and to £3113.2.5/ in the case of Vaucluse Section were ratified.

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OTHER MATTERS.

(i) Mr.Parkes reported that he had inspected the pewter ware offered by Mr,Ashley of Rockdale, that the truck had collected the entire collection and that it was now on exhibition in Gilberthorpe Room for inspection by the Trustees. He suggested that Mr.Brown of the Technological Museum be asked to inspect the ware with a view to selecting those pieces worthy of exhibition. This was agreed to and the Secretary was requested to thank Mr.Ashley for his gift, which was appreciated by the Trust and, as arranged with Mr.Parkes, only those pieces that they deemed suitable would be exhibited.

(ii) It was decided that Mr.Turner's advice in regard to the wistaria would be followed in due course. The construction of a pergola was left to the Sub-Committee for further consideration and report.

The following matters were reported by the President:

(i) Acting on the authority he had received at the previous meeting, he had gone into the question of advertising Nielsen Park over Station 2 SM and had arranged for a thirteen weeks contract, three advertisements per week, at a total cost of £73.16.0. The President's action was confirmed on the motion of Mr.Mills, seconded by Mr.Snelling.

(ii) The foreman had reported to the Secretary that on Sunday,23rd.November, two Football Clubs had left Nos.1 and 4 Pavilions strewn with broken bottles. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Secretaries of these Clubs that such conduct would not be tolerated and if there was a repetition of it, their Clubs would be refused pavilion reservations at Nielsen Park in the future.

(iii) Nielsen Park staff reported that rain had again beaten into No.4 Pavilion. The proposal that blinds be provided was referred to the Nielsen Sub-Committee.

(iv) In regard to the Nielsen Sub-Committee, the President suggested that the members meet and elect a chairman to replace the late Mr.Condon and discuss any matters regarding the organization,etc.of Nielsen Park.

(v) Of the £4500 received in November as Government Grant, the President had instructed the Secretary to place £4000 on Fixed Deposit (£2000 for two years at 3½% and £2000 for one year at 2¾%). This was agreed to on the motion of Mr.Parkesm seconded by Mr.Mills.

(vi) As the piano in No.1 Pavilion was beyond repair, the President had inquired from the Government Stores regarding the purchase of a good reconditioned piano. The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the President.

(vii) As the wall to be erected in the northern section of Vaucluse Park was necessary to prevent further erosion, the President suggested that the completion of the retaining wall at Nielsen Park be left in abeyance until the winter season and that the stonemason return to Vaucluse for this particular work. On the motion of Mr.Snelling, seconded by Mr.Parkes, this was agreed to.

(viii) The meeting confirmed the President's instruction to the Secretary to engage a casual hand at Vaucluse Park for two days a week for the time being whilst Vaucluse Park employees were assisting Nielsen with cleaning on days proceeding large organised picnics,together with the employment of Mrs.Bickell occasionally to enable her, the Secretary,whenever she considered it necessary to leave the office and make an inspection of Nielsen Park.

CHAIRMAN Walter C. Smith ..... SECRETARY F. Scrivener .....

OTHER MATTERS. (ix) It was decided that unless the necessity arose the monthly meeting would not be held in January.

MEETING CLOSED. The meeting closed at 11 a.m.

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.....William C. Smith..... .....